constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organization (NGO’s); International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

Assessments of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic stocks of gag grouper were developed through SEDAR 10, completed in July 2006. The assessment of Gulf of Mexico red grouper was developed through SEDAR 12, completed in February 2007. It is acknowledged that methods of assessing Southeastern fish stocks and addressing issues within available datasets improve with each SEDAR assessment, and recent assessment updates have allowed incorporation of such changes. There are similarities in the data sources used to develop SEDAR 10 and 12 assessments, potential similarities in basic species biology, and considerable overlap in fisheries that harvest these species within the respective Council areas of jurisdiction. Therefore, the Steering Committee has determined that a special review of these recent grouper assessments is required to ensure that uncertainties are treated appropriately and that any potential differences in methods or data treatments are thoroughly justified.

This special inquiry will be prepared through 2 SEDAR workshops: an evaluation workshop and review workshop. The evaluation workshop will consist of SEFSC and Council appointees familiar with the assessments and the fisheries which will be convened to review the assessments and possibly recommend additional sensitivity analyses. The Review Workshop will consist of an SEFSC appointed Chair, two independent reviewers appointed through the Center for Independent Experts (CIE), and up to two additional representatives appointed by the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils. The product of the Evaluation Workshop will be a report addressing key assessment uncertainties and recommending potential additional assessment analyses for consideration by the Review panel. The product of the Review Panel will be an independent evaluation of the recommendations and conclusions of the Evaluation Panel and any subsequent assessment analyses.

**SEDAR Grouper Review Schedule:**

March 19 - 22, 2007: Grouper Evaluation Workshop

March 19, 2007: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; March 20-21, 2007: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; March 22, 2007: 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

An appointed panel will review the SEDAR 10 assessments of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic gag grouper and the SEDAR 12 assessment of Gulf of Mexico red grouper. Participants will evaluate key data and methodological decisions and the justifications of those decisions as provided in the SEDAR 10 and 12 assessment reports. The panel will prepare a written report addressing Terms of Reference approved by the SEDAR Steering Committee.

May 8 - 10, 2007: SEDAR Grouper Review Workshop

May 8, 2007: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; May 9, 2007: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; May 10, 2007: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Review Workshop is an independent peer review of the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel and any subsequent analyses recommended by the Evaluation Panel. Workshop Panelists will review the SEDAR 10 and 12 assessments and the findings of the Evaluation Panel and document their comments and recommendations in a Consensus Summary Report.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.[FR Doc. E7–3849 Filed 3–5–07; 8:45 am]

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**


**Notice of the Removal of the Paper Search Collection of Registered Word-Only Marks From Trademark Search Library in Arlington, VA**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) hereby provides sixty (60) days notice of the microfilming and removal of the paper search collection of registered marks consisting only of words from the USPTO’s Trademark Search Facility in Arlington, VA. This Notice does not concern the paper search collection of registered marks that consist of or include design elements.

**DATES:** Removal of the paper search collection of registered word-only marks shall be effected beginning sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Chicoski, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, 571–272–8943.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 35 U.S.C. 41(i), the USPTO must maintain a collection of United States trademark applications and registrations for use by the public in paper, microform, or electronic form. The provision authorizing an electronic search collection was added by § 4804(d)(1) of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (“AIPA”), Title IV, Subtitle B, of Pub. L. 106–113, 113 Stat. 1501, 1501A–589. The USPTO currently maintains a searchable electronic database of registered marks and marks in pending applications, as well as text and images of marks in abandoned, cancelled and expired records dating back to 1984. Government insignia protected by U.S. law or by Article 6ter of the Paris Convention, and insignia that various federally and state recognized Native American tribes have identified as their official tribal insignia are also included. Trademark examining attorneys have relied exclusively on the electronic search system since before 1990.

Section 4804(d)(2) of the AIPA provides that the USPTO can eliminate the paper or microform search collection only pursuant to notice and opportunity for public comment, and only after submitting a report to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives detailing its plan for removal, and certifying that the implementation of such plan will not negatively impact the public. On May 9, 2003, the USPTO certified to Congress that the USPTO could cease to maintain a paper search collection of marks that consist of only of words, without harm to the public. The 2003 report and certification are currently available on the USPTO Web site at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/comments/epushsearch/crtppapr.pdf.
While the 2003 report and certification remain effective, the United States subsequently entered a stipulated settlement in National Intellectual Property Researchers Association, Inc. v. Rogan, Civ. A. No. 03–808–A. Among other terms, the settlement required that the USPTO continue to maintain its paper search collection through at least January 1, 2006, to publish a Federal Register notice sixty (60) days prior to ceasing maintenance, and to create microform copies of all paper trademark registrations and expired trademark registrations prior to disposing of them.

In a June 23, 2006, Federal Register Notice, the USPTO announced that it “has determined that a paper collection of registered word marks is no longer necessary, and has met the requirements of the AIPA with respect to their removal. All papers will be microfilmed prior to removal and the microform collection will be available to the public in the Public Search Facility at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia.” 71 FR 36065, 36067 (June 23, 2006). The Notice provided that “[b]ecause the USPTO will continue to maintain all existing word marks in non-electronic form, i.e., on microfilm, the certification requirements of AIPA § 4804(d)(2) are not applicable to such marks.” Id. The Notice further indicated that the USPTO would issue a notice sixty (60) days prior to the removal of the paper collection of registered word-only marks. Id.

Accordingly, the USPTO hereby gives notice that beginning sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice, the USPTO will begin removing the paper collection of active and expired trademark registrations that consist only of words. All papers will be microfilmed before being discarded, and the microform collection will be available to the public in the Public Search Facility at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. This will ensure that all information currently available in the paper search collection remains available to the public.


Jon W. Dudas,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee until its next open meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee.

Henry M. St-Pierre,
Colonel, U.S. Army, Designated Federal Official.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Army

Army Educational Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Chairperson of the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) of the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee (AIA) is pleased to announce the following:

Name of Committee: U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.


Place of Meeting: U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA. Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013.

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Proposed Agenda: Receive information briefings; conduct discussions with the Commandant and staff and faculty; table and examine online College issues; assess resident and distance education programs, self-study techniques, assemble a working group for the concentrated review of institutional policies and a working group to address committee membership and charter issues; propose strategies and recommendations that will continue the momentum of federal accreditation success and guarantee compliance with regional accreditation standards.