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NOAA	0648- BC03	Final Rule for Regulatory Amendment 12 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	This final rule modifies recreational accountability measures for golden tilefish.	10/9/2012	This rule reduces the burden on stakeholders by simplifying accountability measures for recreational fishermen, and reducing the risk of implementing overly conservative accountability measures when they are not needed, thereby improving access to quota for recreational fishermen.	Published - 77 FR 61295
NOAA	0648- BB44	Final Rule for Regulatory Amendment 11 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region	This final rule removed a harvest prohibition for six deepwater species in depths exceeding 240 feet.	05/10/12	The goal of the final rule is to reduce the socio-economic impacts expected from the deepwater closure enacted by Amendment 17B, while maintaining the biological protection to speckled hind and Warsaw grouper in the South Atlantic.	Published - 77 FR 27374
NOAA	0648- BB56	Final Rule to Implement Amendment 18A to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper	This final rule established an endorsement program for black sea bass pot fishermen and modified accountability measures for the recreational sector.	06/01/12	The final rule is expected to reduce the burden on stakeholders. Through the establishment of black sea bass pot endorsement program it is expected that the fishing season will last longer for all participants regardless of gear	Published - 77 FR 32408

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		Fishery of the South Atlantic Region			fished thereby leading the overall industry profits to increase or at least remain stable. Further, it is expected that market prices and quality of the product will increase with the establishment of an endorsement program. By simplifying recreational accountability measures it will allow for better tracking of landings with respect to the catch limit and will be easier for the public to understand.	
NOAA	0648-XC08	Final Temporary Rule Extending the Recreational Red Snapper Fishing Season in Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico	This temporary rule extended the recreational red snapper fishing season in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.	07/05/12	This temporary rule extended the recreational red snapper fishing season by seven days, thereby increasing opportunities to fish and relieving a restriction on the recreational sector.	Published 77 FR 39647
NOAA	0648-BB72	Final Rule to Implement Amendment 34 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	This rule removes income requirements for federal reef fish permits and relaxes crew size restrictions.	10/19/2012	The elimination of an income requirement for the Gulf commercial reef fish permit is expected to provide the opportunity for fishermen to increase income from non-fishing occupations without jeopardizing their ability to renew their commercial reef fish permit. This will also eliminate the pressure to continue to fish to maintain fishing income to satisfy a permit requirement when personal, economic, or other factors may suggest fishing should not occur. This rule will also reduce the reporting and recordkeeping burdens currently imposed on applicants. Additionally	Published 77 FR 64237

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					the increase in the maximum crew size from three to four persons for dual-permitted vessels will allow increased flexibility for affected vessels to carry the number of crew best suited to the needs or conditions of the trip. Although the overall effects of these changes are not quantifiable with available data, the final action is expected to increase the economic benefits to small entities.	
NOAA	0648-BB45	Final Rule; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Modification of American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area	This final rule modified certain boundaries of a prohibited area around Tutuila, the Manua Islands, and Rose Atoll in American Samoa to align with the boundaries of the Rose Atoll Marine National Monument. This rule simplified enforcement and administration of the management areas.	06/11/12	The action expanded the area in which large vessels are allowed to fish by 326 square nautical miles, an increase of 0.3 percent in the area where large vessels are allowed to fish in the Exclusive Economic Zone around American Samoa. This provides an additional available fishing area for large vessels.	Published 77 FR 34260
NOAA	0648-BB49	Final Rule to Amend the Regulations that Implement the National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program	Among other things, this final rule (1) eliminated duplicative permitting and registration requirements for holders of Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits; and (2) allowed states that exempt minors under the age of 17 from the state license or registration requirements.	07/18/12	One provision of the rule exempts persons who hold Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits issued by NOAA from the requirement to also register with NOAA under the National Saltwater Angler Registry and pay the required \$15.00 registration fee. Elimination of this duplicative registration requirement affects approximately 50 people.	Published 77 FR 42189

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Agency or Sub-agency	RIN/OMB Control Number	Title of Rule	Actual/Target Completion Date	Anticipated Savings in costs and/or information collection burdens and anticipated changes in benefits	Progress updates and anticipated accomplishments
BIS	0694-AF03	Export Control Reform Initiative: Strategic Trade Authorization License Exception	06/16/2011 76 FR 35276	While reduction in burden hours for license applications (0694-0088) is somewhat offset by increased safeguards requirements for assurances against unauthorized reexports (0694-0137), giving exporters the option of an exception reduces uncertainty and turnaround time on the transaction; benefits include allowing the government to redirect resources from low-risk transactions to more complex national security and foreign policy concerns.	In order to determine the impact of the regulation on license applications and shipments, BIS's Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE) has prepared benchmark analysis of the use of Strategic Trade Authorization (STA) transactions, comparing pre-STA license applications and shipments with post-STA data. Based on the analysis, OTE found that from July 2011 to October 2012, 87 exporters have conducted 959 shipments under STA worth \$54.7 million. In addition, approved license applications for STA-eligible items decreased 11% from 3,110 to 2,761 between 2010 and 2011. OTE continues to track STA exports and license applications.
BIS	0694-AF17	Proposed Revision to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	07/15/2011 76 FR 41958	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for less militarily significant items moved from State to Commerce control is expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closed on September 13, 2011. Comments to be addressed in final rule, "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform."

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BIS	0694-AF36	Proposed Revision to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Aircraft and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	11/07/2011 76 FR 68675	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for aircraft and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closed on December 22, 2011. Comments to be addressed in final rule, "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform."
BIS	0694-AF41	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Gas Turbine Engines and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	12/06/2011 76 FR 76072	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for gas turbine engines and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closed on January 20, 2012. Comments to be addressed in final rule, "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform."
BIS	0694-AF17	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military	12/06/2011 76 FR 76085	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military vehicles and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments	Public comment period closed on January 20, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently under review.

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		Vehicles and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List		(1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	
BIS	0694-AF42	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Vessels of War and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	12/23/2011 76 FR 80282	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for items, primarily parts and components for vessels, moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closed on February 6, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently under review.
BIS	0694-AF39	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Submersible Vessels, Oceanographic Equipment and Related Articles the President	12/23/2011 76 FR 80291	Due to limited export and reexport trade in these items, little to no effect on burden should occur. Greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction is a benefit of this rule.	Public comment period closed on February 6, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently under review.

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		Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List			
BIS	0694-AF17	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Export Control Classification Number 0Y521 Series, Items Not Elsewhere Listed on the Commerce Control List (CCL)	04/13/2012 77 FR 22191	No effect on burden at publication; no items controlled under this classification at this time. The benefit of this rule is that it creates a temporary classification for items that warrant export control but are not yet identified on the CCL, while the U.S. Government works to adopt a control through the relevant multilateral regime(s); to determine an appropriate longer-term control over the item; or determines that the item does not warrant control on the CCL.	Final rule. Originally proposed in the 7/15/11 rule (76 FR 41958).
BIS	0694-AF53	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Energetic Materials and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	05/02/2012 77 FR 25932	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for energetic materials and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closed on June 18, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently under review.
BIS	0694-AF51	Revisions to the Export Administration	05/18/2012 77 FR 29564	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for auxiliary and miscellaneous items moved from State to	Public comment period closed on July 2, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently

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		Regulations: Auxiliary and Miscellaneous Items that No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List and Items on the Wassenaar Arrangement Munitions List		Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	under review.
BIS	0694- AF58	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Personal Protective Equipment, Shelters, and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	06/07/2012 77 FR 33688	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for personal protective equipment, shelters, and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closed on July 23, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently under review.
BIS	0694- AF54	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military Training Equipment and	06/13/2012 77 FR 35310	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military training equipment and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and	Public comment period closed on July 30, 2012. Comments generally supported the concept and offered numerous specific suggestions currently under review.

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		Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List		registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	
BIS	0694-AF66	“Specially Designed” Definition	06/19/2012 77 FR 36409	This proposed rule does not affect the jurisdiction of any items. BIS believes it will facilitate enhanced public understanding of a key term used extensively on the Commerce Control List. The term would also be used in controls that would apply to items transitioned from State to Commerce.	Public comment period closed on August 3, 2012. This rule re-proposed a definition originally proposed July 15, 2011, taking into account public comments received in response to that proposal. Comments on revised definition to be addressed in final rule, “Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform.”
BIS	0694-AF68	Feasibility of Enumerating “Specially Designed” Components	06/19/2012 77 FR 36419	This advance notice of proposed rulemaking solicits public comments with the intention of making the Commerce Control List more objective, which would aid compliance.	Public comment period closed on September 17, 2012. Comments currently under review.
BIS	0694-AF65	Proposed Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Implementation of Export Control Reform; Revisions to License Exceptions After Retrospective Regulatory Review	06/21/2012 77 FR 37524	In addition to proposing measures to ease the transition process for items moving from State to Commerce jurisdiction, this proposed rule, as a result of retrospective regulatory review, would streamline certain license exceptions to eliminate complex or outmoded provisions.	Public comment period closed on August 6, 2012. Comments to be addressed in final rule, “Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform.”
BIS	0694-	Revisions to the	Projected	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088	Proposed rule pending completion of OMB

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	AF47	Export Administration Regulations: Control of Firearms and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	publication date: TBD	and 0694-0137 for firearms and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	review pursuant to Executive Order 12866. See Reginfo.gov for more information.
BIS	0694-AF48	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Guns and Armament and Related Articles the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	Projected publication date: TBD	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for guns and armament, and related items, moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Proposed rule pending completion of OMB review pursuant to Executive Order 12866. See Reginfo.gov for more information.
BIS	0694-AF49	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Ammunition and Ordnance the	Projected publication date: TBD	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for ammunitions and ordinance moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements	Proposed rule pending completion of OMB review pursuant to Executive Order 12866. See Reginfo.gov for more information.

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		President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List		(1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	
BIS	0694-AF64	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Control of Military Electronic Equipment and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List	11/28/12 77 FR 70945	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for military electronic equipment and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	Public comment period closes on January 28, 2013.
BIS	0694-AF37	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to Make the Commerce Control List (CCL) Clearer	11/29/12 77 FR 71214	No effect on burden hours. Because license requirements are often based on item classification according to the CCL, benefits include increased clarity to aid compliance and enforcement.	Public comment period closes on January 28, 2013.
BIS	0694-AF56	EAR Revision: Items Related to Launch Vehicles, Missiles,	Projected publication date: TBD	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for items related to launch vehicles, missiles, rockets, and military explosive devices moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more	Proposed rule pending completion of OMB review pursuant to Executive Order 12866. See <a href="http://Reginfo.gov">Reginfo.gov</a> for more information.

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		Rockets, and Military Explosive Devices That the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List		than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.	
BIS	0694-AF60	Amendment to Licensing Requirements for Exports to Canada of Shotguns, Shotgun Shells and Optical Sighting Devices under the Export Administration Regulations	Projected publication date: TBD	Benefits include reducing the administrative burdens of submitting a license application for certain exporters, who meet the prerequisite conditions, by streamlining the authorization and clearance process.	Proposed rule pending completion of OMB review pursuant to Executive Order 12866. See <a href="http://Reginfo.gov">Reginfo.gov</a> for more information.
BIS	0694-AF65	Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: Initial Implementation of Export Control Reform	Projected publication date: TBD	Increases in burden hours under 0694-0088 and 0694-0137 for aircraft, gas turbine engines, and related items moved from State to Commerce control are expected to be more than offset by reductions in State collections for license applications and amendments (1405-0003, 1405-0023, and 1405-0092), agreements (1405-0093), and registration (1405-0002). State registration and licensing fees are not required for Commerce items. Benefits include reduced burden on exporters due to more flexible	Final rule pending completion of OMB review pursuant to Executive Order 12866. See <a href="http://Reginfo.gov">Reginfo.gov</a> for more information.

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				<p>Commerce licensing regime; eased interoperability with close allies; enhanced defense industrial base; and greater clarity with respect to jurisdiction.</p> <p>BIS believes defining “specially designed” in this rule will facilitate enhanced public understanding of a key term used extensively on the Commerce Control List. The term is also used in controls that apply to items transitioned from State to Commerce.</p> <p>In addition to measures to ease the transition process for items moving from State to Commerce jurisdiction, this rule, as a result of retrospective regulatory review, streamlines certain license exceptions to eliminate complex or outmoded provisions.</p>	
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**USPTO**

<b>Agency /Sub-Agency</b>	<b>RIN/ OMB Control Number</b>	<b>Title of Initiative/ Rule/ICR</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Actual or Target Completion Date</b>	<b>Anticipated savings in costs and/or information collection burdens, together with any anticipated changes in benefits</b>	<b>Progress updates and anticipated accomplishments</b>
USPTO	TBD	Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM)	<p>This ANPRM would notify the public that the USPTO is considering revising its regulations to ease burdens and realize cost savings. 37 C.F.R. 1.52 concerns specifications for paper and CD-ROM submissions to the USPTO, and has not been revised in more than a decade. 37 C.F.R. 1.121 concerns making amendments in patent applications. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 concern information disclosure statements.</p> <p>The ANPRM would solicit ideas from the public concerning improvements that could be made to these regulations in order to ease burdens and provide cost savings to patent applicants.</p>	2013	<p>Cost savings and benefits cannot be quantified at this time, but many of these rules impact all applicants who file patent applications with the USPTO, and even small improvements to the regulations could result in significant cost savings and benefits given the large number of annual applications. The USPTO plans to publish the ANPRM in order to engage the public as early as possible and seek specific ideas from the user community about improvements to these regulations that would provide them cost savings and other benefits.</p>	<p>This ANPRM will be drafted and published in the <i>Federal Register</i> in 2013.</p>
USPTO	RIN 0651-AC54	Final Rule	<p>Sec. 10 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) gives the USPTO authority to set or adjust all of its fees. The USPTO published an NPRM setting forth the proposed fee adjustments and underlying analysis in 2012 and</p>	2013	<p>Sec. 10 of the AIA provides that fees can be set or adjusted to recover aggregate estimated costs to the USPTO. In conducting the work to set and adjust fees under Sec. 10, the USPTO has considered many of the principles set forth in EO 13563,</p>	<p>An NPRM was published in September 2012 and This Final Rule is anticipated to be published at the beginning of 2013, with the new fees effective 60 days after</p>

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			seeking public input on these proposals. Having received and considered that input, the USPTO has drafted a Final Rule setting a new fee structure, which is anticipated to be published and effective in early 2013		including public input and cost/benefit analysis, has conducted cost/benefit analyses of the fee structure, and has examined fee-setting options and how they would impact the user community.	publication.
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**Joint rulemakings with the Department of Interior** *(Interior is the lead agency for these joint rulemakings)*

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FWS	1018-AX44	Revising the Critical Habitat Boundary Description Method	Together with NMFS, we will revise our critical habitat description method in our joint regulations. This will not affect the regulations' substance but will increase efficiency, save taxpayers' money, and make the critical habitat designation process more user friendly to the public. We will continue to publish critical habitat maps, but will make optional any textual description of boundary-coordinate lists in our regulations. We will provide the public with easier-to-use tools that clarify which areas are covered by a designation. These tools will be available on the Internet and at the applicable FWS or NMFS Office.	Published May 1, 2012 at 77 FR 25611 and will be effective May 31, 2012.	The Service estimates that this regulatory improvement will save \$327,852 per fiscal year in <b>Federal Register</b> printing costs and \$63,890 per fiscal year for CFR printing costs. The total savings would be \$391,742 per fiscal year.	Complete.
FWS	1018-AX85	ESA Section 7 Consultation Regulations; Incidental Take	Court decisions rendered over the last decade regarding the adequacy of incidental take statements have prompted us, along with the National Marine	The proposed rule is scheduled for February 2013.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services issue incidental take statements during interagency consultation would reduce the	The proposed rule is under development.

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		Statements	Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce), to consider clarifying our regulations concerning two aspects of issuance of incidental take statements during section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed regulatory changes would specifically address the use of surrogates to express the limit of exempted take and how to determine when deferral of an incidental take exemption is appropriate.		transaction costs incurred by Federal agencies and non-federal applicants and reduce the potential for further litigation that can have financial impacts on the Services as well as Federal and non-federal applicants	
FWS	1018-AX86	Implementing Changes to the Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat	This proposed rule would amend existing regulations governing the designation of critical habitat under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act. A number of factors, including litigation and the Services' experience over the years in interpreting and applying the statutory definition of critical habitat, have highlighted the need to clarify or revise the current regulations. This is a joint rule between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce).	The proposed rule is scheduled for February 2013.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services designate critical habitat would reduce the transaction costs incurred by the regulated community (e.g., Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, industry, private landowners).	The proposed rule is under development.
FWS	1018-AX87	Policy for the Designation of Critical Habitat Under Section 4 of	This proposed policy would articulate the purpose of critical habitat, provide a clear interpretation of the statutory definition of "critical habitat,"	The proposed rule is scheduled for February 2013.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services designate critical habitat would reduce the transaction costs incurred by the regulated	The proposed rule is under development.

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		the Endangered Species Act	and describe a comprehensive approach for designating critical habitat under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act. This policy will help provide clarity and consistency in the designation of critical habitat in an effort to ensure that the purposes of the Endangered Species Act are fully met. We will seek public review and comment on the proposed policy. This is a joint policy with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce).		community (e.g., Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, industry, private landowners).	
FWS	1018-AX88	Definition of "Destruction or Adverse Modification" of Critical Habitat	The proposed rule would amend the existing regulations governing section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act to revise the definition of "destruction or adverse modification" of critical habitat. The current regulatory definition has been invalidated by the courts for being inconsistent with the language of the Endangered Species Act. We therefore need to propose a revised definition and seek public review and comment. This is a joint rulemaking with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce).	The proposed rule is scheduled for February 2013.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services define "destruction or adverse modification" of critical habitat would reduce the transaction costs incurred by Federal agencies and non-federal applicants and reduce the potential for further litigation that can have financial impacts on the Services as well as Federal and non-federal applicants	The proposed rule is under development.

**Burden Reduction Initiatives**

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Census	0607-0943	2012 Survey of Business Owners	Reduce burden from the survey by making better use of existing data, reduce sample size, and offer use of a shorter form.	10/2013	90,850 hours eliminated  Business savings: Actual burden reduced is 181,700 but it's over two years since the survey is conducted over two years. Government savings: \$5M - decrease of no. of forms reviewed; and printing of addresses only on pkgs to public.	
NOAA		Crab Rationalization Economic Data Reports	New streamlined Economic Data Reports have been developed, and will be finalized through a rulemaking (RIN 0648-BC25). The 132 respondents will save an average of 23 hours, 20 minutes each.	3/1/2013	3,087 hours eliminated  Businesses savings: \$2,961 in postage. Government savings: \$10,970 (5 minutes to key in 6,580 reports, @ \$20 per hour).	
NOAA		Highly Migratory Species Trade Biweekly Dealer Report	Currently, Highly Migratory Species Trade dealers must submit biweekly summarized landings reports. Once electronic reporting of the currently paper landings reports is implemented, the biweekly reports will not be needed. Currently there are 6,580 reports each taking 15 minutes to complete.	3/2013	1,645 hours eliminated  Businesses savings: \$2,961 in postage. Government savings: \$10,970 (5 minutes to key in 6,580 reports, @ \$20 per hour).	

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NOAA		Implementatio n of a National Permit System in Southeast Region	The Southeast fisheries region will implement electronic permit application through a National Permit System.	6/2015	1,500 hours eliminated  Businesses savings: \$4,050 in postage. Government savings: not yet been determined, and must be researched.	
NOAA		Implementatio n of a National Permit System in Pacific Region	The Pacific Islands, Southwest and High Seas Fisheries will implement electronic permit application through a National Permit System: 10 minutes saved per permit application, for 1,308 permits.	2/2013	218 hours eliminated  Business savings: \$589 savings in postage costs to respondents. Government savings: \$8,328 (1 hour labor saved per permit application review, @ \$24 per hour)	