

exploring innovative ideas for advancing AI, including communities, institutions, and regions that have been traditionally underserved—especially with regard to AI research and related education opportunities.

Composed of members from government, academia, and the private sector, the NAIRR Task Force is required to submit an interim report to Congress and the President by May 2022, with a final report to be issued in November 2022. Find more information on the Task Force members and upcoming meetings at *AI.gov*.

As outlined in § 5106(b) of Public Law 116–283, the implementation roadmap developed by the Task Force should include the following:

A. Goals for establishment and sustainment of a National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource and metrics for success;

B. A plan for ownership and administration of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource, including:

i. An appropriate agency or organization responsible for the implementation, deployment and administration of the Research Resource; and

ii. A governance structure for the Research Resource, including oversight and decision-making authorities;

C. A model for governance and oversight to establish strategic direction, make programmatic decisions, and manage the allocation of resources;

D. Capabilities required to create and maintain a shared computing infrastructure to facilitate access to advanced computing resources for researchers across the country, including provision of curated data sets, compute resources, educational tools and services, a user-interface portal, secure access control, resident expertise, and scalability of such infrastructure;

E. An assessment of, and recommended solutions to, barriers to the dissemination and use of high-quality government data sets as part of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource;

F. An assessment of security requirements associated with the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource and its management of access controls;

G. An assessment of privacy and civil rights and civil liberties requirements associated with the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource and its research;

H. A plan for sustaining the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource, including through Federal

funding and partnerships with the private sector; and

I. Parameters for the establishment and sustainment of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource, including agency roles and responsibilities.

This RFI seeks input from a broad array of stakeholders on the topics set forth below. Comments from the public will be used to inform the Task Force's consideration of options and development of an implementation roadmap.

Responders are invited to provide answers to the following questions (please number your responses accordingly):

1. What options should the Task Force consider for any of roadmap elements A through I above, and why? [Please take care to annotate your responses to this question by indicating the letter(s) of the item (A through I in the list above) for which you are identifying options.]

2. Which capabilities and services (see, for example, item D above) provided through the NAIRR should be prioritized?

3. How can the NAIRR and its components reinforce principles of ethical and responsible research and development of AI, such as those concerning issues of racial and gender equity, fairness, bias, civil rights, transparency, and accountability?

4. What building blocks already exist for the NAIRR, in terms of government, academic, or private-sector activities, resources, and services?

5. What role should public-private partnerships play in the NAIRR? What exemplars could be used as a model?

6. Where do you see limitations in the ability of the NAIRR to democratize access to AI R&D? And how could these limitations be overcome?

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by August 23, 2021. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–7420, or ACApemits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 45 CFR 670) as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2022–002

1. *Applicant:* Dr. George Watters, Director, AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take, Harmful Interference, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Import into USA. This permit application pertains to research activities conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Antarctic Marine Living Resources (AMLR) Program. The U.S. AMLR Program proposes to take pinniped species in the Antarctic Peninsula region as part of a long-term ecosystem monitoring program established in 1986. Permission

is requested for take and harmful interference for Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazelle*), leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophaga*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonine*) and Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*) by harassment associated with life-history studies and surveys to census or estimate abundance and distribution of pinnipeds. Specific take activities include capture/handling/release of animals for studies of attendance behavior, diving, and at-sea foraging location, diet, and population dynamics. Animals will be sedated and anesthetized during tagging and sampling procedures. Procedures include standard measuring of morphometrics, ultra-sounding, attaching of instrumentation, blood and tissue sampling and flipper marking/tagging. All studies of foraging ecology, population dynamics, mark-recapture, census, reproductive success, and energetics are part of a long-term monitoring effort coordinated with other Antarctic treaty nations under the auspices of Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

The U.S. AMLR Program also proposes continue studies of the behavioral ecology and population biology of the Adélie, gentoo, chinstrap and king penguins, as well as interactions among these species and their principal avian predators. Specific take activities associated with avian research include capture/handling/release, attaching of instrumentation, tagging/banding, weighing/measuring of individuals, tissue and egg sampling, diet sampling, placing of nest markers and censusing. The number of takes per annum of each avian species will be as follows: Chinstrap penguin (*Pygoscelis antarcticus*), Adélie penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*), Gentoo penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*), king penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*), brown skua (*Catharacta lonnbergi*), south polar skua (*Catharacta maccormicki*), giant petrel (*macronectes giganteus*), kelp gull (*Larus dominicanus*), blue-eyed shag (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*), snowy sheathbill (*Chionis alba*) and cape petrel (*Daption capensis*). Those protocols related to the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (CEMP) are described by CCAMLR

The U.S. AMLR Program requests permission to continue long-term studies at the Cape Shirreff and Copacabana research sites. Additionally, the Program anticipates conducting intermittent peninsula-wide pinniped and seabird surveys. As such, access to

all ASPAs in the South Shetland Islands and in the Antarctic Peninsula region is requested. Entry to sites will be made via U.S. AMLR charter or NSF vessels, with immediate access via zodiac operations. Peninsula-wide pinniped and seabird surveys may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and photogrammetry. All species, pinniped and avian, are subject to harmful interference due to census (aerial or ground) and other work described in this application.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula region, South Shetland Islands vicinity: Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island; San Telmo Islands; Copacabana, western shore of Admiralty Bay; and Lions Rump, King George Island.

ASPAs 108, Green Island, Berthelot Islands, Antarctic Peninsula
 ASPA 112, Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island
 ASPA 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, Palmer Archipelago
 ASPA 125, Fildes Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 126, Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 128, Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island
 ASPA 132, Potter Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 133, Harmony Point, Nelson Island, South Shetland Island
 ASPA 134, Cierva Point offshore islands, Danco Coast, Antarctic Peninsula
 ASPA 139, Biscoe Point, Anvers Island
 ASPA 140, Shores of Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 144, Chile Bay
 ASPA 145, Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 146, South Bay, Doumer Island, Palmer Archipelago
 ASPA 148, Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula
 ASPA 149, Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 150, Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay, King George Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 151, Lions Rump, King George Island, South Shetland Islands
 ASPA 152, Western Bransfield Strait, Antarctic Peninsula
 ASPA 153, East Dallmann Bay, Antarctic Peninsula
 ASPA 171, Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula, King George Island
Dates of Permitted Activities: October 1, 2021–July 31, 2026.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Establishment Information Form, DD 1918, Wage Data Collection Form, DD 1919, Wage Data Collection Continuation Form, DD 1919C, 3206–0036

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an existing information collection request (ICR) 3206–0036, Establishment Information Form (DD 1918), Wage Data Collection Form (DD 1919), and Wage Data Collection Continuation Form (DD 1919C). As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act, OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. **DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 23, 2021. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Personnel Management, Employee Services, Pay and Leave, 1900 E Street NW, Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415–8200, Attention: Brenda L. Roberts, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Leave, by phone 202–606–7400, or sent via electronic mail to pay-leave-policy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on February 26, 2021, at Volume 86 FR 11804 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the