

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, individuals.

Total Respondents: 1,400.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 1,400.

Average Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$348,600.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 19, 2004.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB for approval the information collection described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before June 24, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be electronically mailed to: Jonathan_P._Womer@omb.eop.gov; or faxed to 202-395-5806, Attn: Mr. Jonathan Womer, Desk Officer for NARA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694 or fax number 301-837-3213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection

on March 2, 2004 (69 FR 9854 and 9855). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Microfilm Rental Order Form.

OMB number: 3095-NEW.

Agency form number: NA Form 14127.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Estimated number of respondents: 5,200.

Estimated time per response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 867 hours.

Abstract: The NARA microfilm publications provides ready access to records for research in a variety of fields including history, economics, political science, law, and genealogy. NARA emphasizes microfilming groups of records relating to the same general subject or to a specific geographic area. For example, the decennial population censuses from 1790 to 1930 and their related indexes are available on microfilm. Census records constitute the vast majority of microfilmed records available currently through the rental program.

Dated: May 17, 2004.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 9386, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Under OMB regulations, NSF may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:*

Antarctic Conservation Act Application and Permit Form.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0034.

Proposed Project: The current Antarctic Conservation Act Application

Permit Form (NSF 1078) has been in use for several years. The form requests general information, such as name, affiliation, location, etc., and more specific information as to the type of object to be taken (plant, native mammal, or native bird).

Use of the Information: The purpose of the regulations (45 CFR part 670) is to conserve and protect the native mammals, birds, plants, and invertebrates of Antarctica and the ecosystem upon which they depend and to implement the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541, as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-227.

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates about 25 responses annually at ½ hour per response; this computes to approximately 12.5 hours annually.

Dated: May 19, 2004.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 26, 2004, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. A permit was issued on May 18, 2004 to: Stacy Kim Permit No. 2005-001.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish 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 at Title 45 Part 670 of 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 June 24, 2004. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), 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.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Applicant

Michael Castellini, Director, Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775.

Permit Application No. 2005-002

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Taking. The applicant proposes to study Weddell seals to quantify the dynamics of lipid uptake and utilization in a naturally foraging mammalian carnivore by examining freely diving Weddell seals in Antarctica. This

species offers a unique opportunity to model the biochemistry and physiology of nutrient utilization in a large carnivore that may not be possible in any other system. The applicant plans to capture up to 8 adult female seals, attach diving recorders and blood sampling lines, then transport the seals to a diving hut where they will be observed for several days and blood samples taken. Blood samples will also be taken from about 6 pups less than 5 weeks old. All seals will be returned to the tide crack areas.

Location

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

Dates

October 5, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

2. Applicant

Arthur L. DeVries, Department of Animal Biology, 524 Burrill Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

Permit Application No. 2005-003

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Introduce non-indigenous species to Antarctica. The applicant plans to import algal cells (*Nanochloropsis*) to be fed to imported marine rotifers (*Brachionus calyciflorus*) after they hatch. After 5 days the rotifers will be harvested by filtering out the algae, and concentrating the rotifers into a thick slurry. The slurry will be flash-frozen and aliquots of the thawed rotifers will be fed daily to the larval stages of the naked dragon fish, *Gymnodraco acuticeps*. The naked dragon fish spawns in mid-October on rocks in the shallow waters of McMurdo Sound. Their eggs hatch some 10 months later, the full-terms eggs will be collected, the larva hatched in aquarium tanks, and reared in seawater tanks in the Cray Science and Engineering Center at McMurdo Station. The fish will be raised to juvenile stage to follow their elaboration of blood antifreeze glycoproteins. The rotifers and algae will be autoclaved and disposed of as dry biological waste.

Location

McMurdo Station, Ross Island Antarctica.

Dates

August 20, 2004 to February 15, 2005.

Applicant

Lawrence J. Conrad, 845 17th Street, Washougal, WA 98761.