

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.

Permit Application No. 2005-004*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes take photographs of named geographic features throughout the McMurdo Sound region. The photographs will illustrate a geographically arranged gazetteer or "field guide" to the features. The applicant proposes to enter the Barwick Valley, Victoria Land (ASPA #123) to fully document the Barwick Valley features which will benefit the scientific community in current and future work. Delineating data accompanying each photograph will include latitude, longitude, altitude, date, time, elevation, look direction, focal length and associated camera settings. The photographs and accompanying data will provide the potential for contemporary and future comparative studies of landscape change, thereby reducing need for access to the ASPA. The applicant proposes approximately 5-days work in the Barwick Valley and will fully comply with the designated management plan for the site. Furthermore, the applicant will visit Cape Crozier (ASPA #124) to film Wilson's Stone Igloo and The Knoll, avoiding the penguin and skua rookeries.

In addition, the applicant proposes to enter Discovery Hut (ASPA #157), Cape Evans Historic Site (ASPA #154), and Hut and Associated Artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds (ASPA #156) for the purpose of reproducing historic photos of the area for use in the described gazetteer.

Location

ASPA #123—Barwick Valley, Victoria Land

ASPA #124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island

ASPA #154—Cape Evans Historic Site

ASPA #156—Hut and associated artifacts, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island

ASPA #157—Discovery Hut, Hut Point, Ross Island

Dates

August 22, 2004 to February 15, 2006.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place as NSF, 4201 Wilson, Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the Federal Register. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposed review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web-site: <http://www.nsf.gov/home/pubinfo/advisory.htm>. This information may also be requested by telephone (703) 292-8182.

Dated: May 19, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Agency Holding Meeting: National Science Foundation, National Science Board and its Subdivisions.

Federal Register Citation of Previous Announcement: Volume 69, Number 84,

Federal Register, pages 23823-23824, April 30, 2004

Previously Announced Date and Time: Monday, May 3, 2004.

Additional Concurrent Session*Open*

National Science Board, *ad hoc* Task Group on High Risk Research (11:00—11:30 a.m.), Room 1295.

Place: The National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, www.nsf.gov/nsb.

Contact for Information: National Science Board Office (703) 202-7000

Status: Open.

Changes in the Meeting: A half-hour open meeting was added to the agenda after the schedule was published in the **Federal Register**. Public announcement of this additional session was made on the National Science Board Web site ahead of the meeting. The following topic was discussed.

Discussion: Discussion of Workshop and White Paper.

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer, NSB.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-336 and 50-423 ASLBP No. 04-824-01-LR]

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and the Commission's regulations, *see* 10 CFR 2.104, 2.300, 2.303, 2.309, 2.311, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3)

Pursuant to a March 8, 2004 notice of opportunity for hearing published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 11,897 (Mar. 12, 2004)), and a May 4, 2004 Commission memorandum and order, CLI-04-12, 59 NRC (May 4, 2004), a Licensing Board is being established to conduct a proceeding on the March 22, 2004 hearing petition of Connecticut Coalition Against Millstone (CCAM) regarding the January 22, 2004