

source, there are a few potential sources of error. Processing error is one source of nonsampling error that is introduced with the use of the administrative trade data. Among the transaction records processed by the Census Bureau, some records have incomplete data and are not used in BLS calculations. Additionally, there is measurement error in assuming that the characteristics that make up a product variety adequately explain the month-to-month price change movements. Furthermore, other records are analyzed and excluded from calculation because they are at the tails of the distribution of prices or quantities and are excluded in order to reduce the variability of unit prices and unit value indexes. The exclusion of transactions with missing data and estimates at the tails of the distribution may result in bias or a skewed result if there is a repeatable pattern in either set of data, such that certain companies have more transactions with missing data or with widely variable prices. These nonsampling errors cannot be measured with current methods and there is little actual research on this topic for administrative data that represents the full population; however, research has begun and is ongoing to evaluate sources of error. This research includes methods to adequately explain mean square error for index estimates that are constructed from the integration of administrative data and sampled survey data.

*Publication of official MXPI.* Current publication procedures for price indexes require an annual review of statistical robustness that include sample representativeness and that assure the protection of respondent and company identifiable information. Revised publication procedures for price indexes calculated with administrative trade data will be put in place. Current procedures limit publication of indexes that represent commodity areas with a minimum dollar value of annual import or export trade value. New procedures for administrative trade data will not require a minimum dollar value for publication. Protection of respondent and company identifiable information will remain in place and thus not all price indexes using administrative trade data will be published separately.

Modified publication procedures are in place to evaluate the price indexes selected for inclusion in the aggregation. Up to the date of publication, a research data series using the new methods will be calculated to compare monthly and long-term variability and skewness relative to the official price indexes using current methods to assure quality

and consistency before incorporating the administrative trade data in the official data release. When a detailed product area is either under-represented in the sample or difficult to collect, a price index representing commodity areas with smaller dollar values may use administrative trade data. This approach increases efficiency and mitigates respondent burden, even if some bias exists, as long as the bias does not have an impact on the upper-level indexes.

*Publication.* Another important improvement is that the methods allow for an expansion of the number of publishable price indexes. The enhanced procedure will convert roughly 7 million transaction records for homogeneous product areas into hundreds of thousands of product varieties, which subsequently will be used to calculate thousands of unit value indexes for 10-digit HS product categories. These unit value indexes are integrated as item prices into the calculation of the MXPI. There is no change to the method of calculating the monthly estimates of price indexes. When the transition to using the administrative trade data occurs, the price indexes currently published will not have a break in series. Under current procedures, new items brought into the price indexes replace discontinued items. With the introduction of the administrative trade data source, new items based on the administrative trade data will be brought in to completely replace directly collected survey data within classification groups that have been determined to meet criteria of homogeneity. Whether a published price index includes administrative trade data will be determined by the concordance between HS classification groups and each product and industry classification. The new approach treats directly collected and administrative data equally, and no distinction will be made in publication of the data source. The transition to using administrative trade data in the official news release will be announced in advance.

This detailed description of the current and redesign approaches complements the research data series that are available at the BLS MXPI website <http://www.bls.gov/mxpi/home.htm>.

#### IV. Desired Focus of Comments

This notice is a general solicitation of comments from the public on the technical approach to this major change in the concepts, sources, and methods of the Import and Export Price Indexes.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of September 2023.

**Eric Molina,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Humanities

#### Meeting of Humanities Panel

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will hold seventeen meetings, by videoconference, of the Humanities Panel, a federal advisory committee, during October 2023. The purpose of the meetings is for panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation of applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting dates. The meetings will open at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn by 5:00 p.m. on the dates specified below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 400 7th Street SW, Room 4060, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606-8322; [evoyatzis@neh.gov](mailto:evoyatzis@neh.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

1. Date: October 4, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

2. Date: October 11, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Film and Media Studies, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

3. Date: October 12, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Literary and Cultural Studies, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources

grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

4. Date: October 17, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Art History, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

5. Date: October 17, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Implementation) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

6. Date: October 18, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of American Studies, for the Media Projects: Production Grants program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

7. Date: October 19, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Arts and Culture, for the Media Projects: Production Grants program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

8. Date: October 19, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Music and Performing Arts, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

9. Date: October 20, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of History of Science, Industry, and Environment, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

10. Date: October 20, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Art and Culture, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Implementation) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

11. Date: October 24, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of Indigenous Studies, for the Public Humanities Projects: Exhibitions (Implementation) grant program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

12. Date: October 24, 2023

This video meeting—the first of two on this date—will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the

Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

13. Date: October 24, 2023

This video meeting—the second of two on this date—will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

14. Date: October 25, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of American Studies, for the Media Projects: Production Grants program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

15. Date: October 26, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of U.S. History, for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.

16. Date: October 27, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topics of Arts and Culture, for the Media Projects: Production Grants program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

17. Date: October 31, 2023

This video meeting will discuss applications on the topic of American Studies, for the Media Projects: Production Grants program, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.

Because these meetings will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, the meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of title 5, U.S.C., as amended. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chair's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

Dated: September 6, 2023.

**Jessica Graves,**

*Legal Administrative Specialist, National Endowment for the Humanities.*

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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 October 11, 2023. 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 or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-4479.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541, 45 CFR 671), 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 as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2024-007*

1. *Applicant* Logan Pallin, Institute of Marine Sciences and Ocean Sciences, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs), and Import into USA. The permit applicant requests a permit to collect and import samples of cetaceans and pinnipeds, for the purpose of scientific research in the Antarctic Peninsula region. The collection of marine mammal parts, DNA, and hormones are required for population demographic analyses. The applicant requests opportunistic collection, import, and receipt of samples from up to 2,000 individual cetaceans and 2,000 individual pinnipeds (excluding walrus) annually.