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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

SES Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the names of members of the Performance Review Board for the National Endowment for the Arts. This notice supercedes all previous notices of the PRB membership of the Agency.

DATES: Upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maxine C. Jefferson, Director of Human Resources, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 627, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682-5405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sec. 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following persons have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the National Endowment for the Arts: Eileen B. Mason, Senior Deputy Chairman, Laurence M. Baden, Deputy Chairman for Management and Budget, Alfred B. Spellman, Jr., Deputy Chairman for Guidelines, Panel, and Council Operations, Ann G. Hingston, Congressional and White House Liaison, Michael R. Burke, Chief Information 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 November 5, 2002. Permit applications 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), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended 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 Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The applications received are as follows:

[Permit Application No. 2003-013]

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

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to bring approximately 5 million

frozen brine shrimp (*Artemia franciscana*) egg cysts to Antarctica to be used as food for Antarctic larval fishes. The brine shrimp will be hatched in +20°C seawater in incubators in the Crary Science and Engineering Center at McMurdo Station. The hatched larva will be concentrated to the consistency of a thick soup, frozen into 2 cubic centimeter cubes at -80°C and fed to Dragon fish larva (*Gymnodraco acuticeps*). The larva will be held in small running seawater aquaria with the outlet screened with a mesh sufficiently small to prevent escape of the dead brine shrimp, as well as the fish larva. Residual dead brine shrimp will be retrieved from the aquaria, autoclaved and disposed of as biological waste.

Location: Crary Science and Engineering Center, McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Dates: November 5, 2002 to February 28, 2003.

[Permit Application No. 2003-014]

2. *Applicant:* Gary D. Miller, Biology Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take and Import into the United States. The applicant plans to continue analysis of the phylogenetic relationships, population genetics, and diseases of Antarctic seabirds. The applicant will embark on a circumnavigation cruise of the Antarctic this season and plans to collect small tissue samples from fresh or frozen carcasses of various seabirds, with a main focus on collecting samples from Emperor penguin carcasses. The cruise will allow access to a number of Emperor penguin rookeries, as well as other sites. No more than fifteen samples will be collected from a single site. Tissue samples will be homogenized and put into a buffer solution to stabilize the DNA. As part of this collaborative work, chick carcasses will be inspected for the presence of Bursa of Fabricius, which will be excised and preserved for PCR testing for the presence of viruses. The Bursa samples will be returned to Dr. Geoff Shellam's lab in Perth, Australia, whereas all other samples will be imported to the U.S. and processed at the University of New Mexico.

Location: Balleny Islands, Shirley Island, Haswell Island, Vestfold Hills, Larsemann Hills, Scullin and Murray Monoliths, Cape Darnley, Auster Rookery, Kloa Point, Proclamation Island, Lazarev Ice Shelf, Atka Bay, Elephant Island, Pourquoi Pas Island, Cape Hallett, and Cape Adare.

Dates: November 15, 2002 to November 15, 2003.