Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 18000W, Alexandria, VA 22314, or by email to *splimpto@nsf.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292–7556 or send email to *splimpto@nsf.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title of Collection: ''Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form.''

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0203.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2019.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: Five organizational units within the Directorate of Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation will use the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form. They are the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI), the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems IOS) and Emerging Frontiers (EF). All scientists submitting proposals to these units will be asked to complete an electronic version of the Proposal Classification Form. The form consists of brief questions about the substance of the research and the investigator's previous federal support. Each division will have a slightly different version of the form. In this way, submitters will only confront response choices that are relevant to their discipline.

Use of the Information: The information gathered with the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form serves two main purposes. The first is facilitation of the proposal review process. Since peer review is a key component of NSF's grant-making process, it is imperative that proposals are reviewed by scientists with appropriate expertise. The information collected with the Proposal Classification Form helps ensure that the proposals are evaluated by specialists who are well versed in appropriate subject matter. This helps maintain a fair and equitable review process.

The second use of the information is program evaluation. The Directorate is committed to investing in a range of substantive areas. With data from this collection, the Directorate can calculate submission rates and funding rates in specific areas of research. Similarly, the information can be used to identify emerging areas of research, evaluate changing infrastructure needs in the research community, and track the amount of international research. As the National Science Foundation is committed to funding cutting-edge science, these factors all have implications for program management.

The Directorate of Biological Sciences has a continuing commitment to monitor its information collection in order to preserve its applicability and necessity. Through periodic updates and revisions, the Directorate ensures that only useful, non-redundant information is collected. These efforts will reduce excessive reporting burdens.

Burden on the Public: The Directorate estimates that an average of five minutes is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 6,500 responses are expected during the course of one year for a total of 542 public burden hours annually.

Expected Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,500.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 542 hours.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Dated: January 30, 2019.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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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 March 6, 2019. 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: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–8030, or *ACApermits@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 a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

1. *Applicant: Permit Application: 2019–017.* Robert Sanders, Department of Biology, Temple University, 1900 N 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Introduce Non-indigenous Species into Antarctica. The applicant would use cultures of the bacteria as a food source during a study of Antarctic mixotrophic phytoplankton aboard the research vessel Laurence M. Gould. The bacterial culture is a non-pathogenic marine species (*Photobacterium angustum*) obtained from American Type Culture Collection. This bacterial

species would be used as it has been shown to have the ability to incorporate a thymidine substitute that can be used to identify which phytoplankton have ingested the bacteria. The feeding experiments would be conducted in sealed plastic containers kept isolated from the environment. At the conclusion of the experiments, any sample or culture remaining, including filtered seawater, would be destroyed by autoclaving on the ship. Supplies and equipment would be sterilized at the end of each experiment by autoclaving or using ethanol. The applicant and permit agents are experienced in using sterile techniques and in maintaining safe practices with microbial cultures.

Location: West Antarctic Peninsula region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: April 10–May 31, 2019.

2. *Applicant:* Permit Application: 2019–018. Daniel P. Zitterbart, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 266 Woods Hole Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543–1050.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Take. The permit applicant proposes to place short-term deployment tags on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for the purposes of studying their foraging ecology. The applicant would deploy digital acoustic recording tags (DTAGs) onto humpback whales to record the three-dimensional movement of the animals, and the presence of feeding lunges. DTAGs contain a 3-axis accelerometer and magnetometer that record the pitch, yaw, and heading of the whale at a high sampling rate (> 50 Hz), as well as a pressure sensor that records the depth of the animal. A FastLoc® (Wildtrack Telemetry Systems Ltd) GPS tag will also be attached to the DTAG, allowing the position of the whale to be recorded throughout the deployment. To deploy the tag, a zodiac will be used to approach the whale, with the tag lowered onto the back of the whale using a carbon-fibre pole. Effort will be made to tag animals that are determined to be in transit or resting, and not currently feeding. The tags would be released from the whales after several hours and would be retrieved by the researchers. The applicant proposes to tag up to five adult or sub-adult humpack whales during the permit period (no calves would be tagged). Up to 70 additional whales, all ages, would potentially be approached and disturbed during the tagging efforts. The applicant and agents would also conduct water and oceanographic sampling, as well as deploy an echosounder and hydrophone, in order to study the availability of prey and oceanographic conditions during whale foraging. The study would be conducted during an expedition aboard a tour vessel operated by Polar Latitudes, Inc.

Location: West Antarctic Peninsula region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: March 1–20, 2019.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will convene a teleconference meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) on February 26, 2019, to discuss the draft report of the ACMUI Training and Experience Subcommittee. This report will include the subcommittee's recommendation on training and experience requirements for authorized users under title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 35.300, ''Use of unsealed byproduct material for which a written directive is required,'' that is necessary for safety. Meeting information, including a copy of the agenda and handouts, will be available at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/meetings/2019.html.* The agenda and handouts may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Kellee Jamerson using the information below.

DATES: The teleconference meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the teleconference should contact Ms. Jamerson using the contact information below or may register for the GoToWebinar at *https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3062144677756975362* for the February 26, 2019, meeting.

Contact Information: Kellee Jamerson, email: *Kellee.Jamerson@nrc.gov,* telephone: (301) 415–7408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Conduct of the Meeting

Dr. Christopher Palestro, ACMUI Chairman, will preside over the meeting. Dr. Palestro will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit an electronic copy to Ms. Jamerson at the contact information listed above. All submittals must be received by February 21, 2019, 3 business days prior to the February 26, 2019, meeting, and must pertain to the topic on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Questions and comments from members of the public will be permitted during the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The draft transcript and meeting summary will be available on ACMUI's website *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/meetings/2019.html* on or about April 9, 2019.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily Section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR part 7.

Dated: January 30, 2019.

Russell E. Chazell,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2019–0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2019.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of February 4, 2019

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 4, 2019.

Week of February 11, 2019—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 11, 2019.

Week of February 18, 2019—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 18, 2019.

Week of February 25, 2019—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 25, 2019.