

inspection by representatives of the National Science Foundation or USAP.

Supplemental Factors

A. Participant Qualifications and Minimum Experience Requirements

In order to participate on this expedition, the participants will require a minimum of 500 parachute jumps. Also, they are required to undergo Flight Physiological Training under a program approved by the aviation board of their respective country. There will be approximately 5 high-profile members of the expedition who are not experienced skydivers who will be accompanying an experienced tandem skydiving instructor who will be responsible for their safety and conduct. Further training on Antarctic Operations will be conducted before departure from Punta Arenas. The majority of the participants are veterans of one of our North Pole Skydiving Expeditions and are experienced in cold weather operations.

B. Non-Interference With Other Scientific Projects

The Friendship Expedition will exercise caution not to interfere with projects at the South Pole Station as well as any other encountered along the travel route.

C. Conclusion

The Friendship Expedition represents no more than a minor or transitory impact upon the Antarctic Environment. This expedition is being undertaken and conducted by environmentally-responsible individuals with the goal of protecting and maintaining the Ecology of the Antarctic Continent for the generations to come.

Interested persons are asked to comment within 30 days of this notice.

Ms. Nadene Kennedy,
Permit Office.

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Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to a permit issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Polar Programs, has amended the waste management permit issued to Adventure Network International (ANI) under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. The amendment is a modification

to an existing permit which is not a material change to the terms and conditions of the permit.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 19, 1996, the National Science Foundation received a request from ANI to issue a new waste management permit for ANI operations within Dronning Maud Land and the Sor Rondone and surrounding mountains in Antarctica. The operations proposed, air transport of clients and members of some national antarctic programs and support of climbing expeditions, are substantively the same and supplement those described in the ANI permit 96WM2 for the period of December 27, 1995 to December 26, 2000. Considering the exemplary performance of ANI in the administration of the terms and condition of past permits, the current permit, and the minor nature of the request, the permit 96WM2 is amended to include the referenced locations of ANI operations for the pendency of the permit.

Erick Chiang,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Polar Programs.

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

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 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 these permit applications by September 26, 1996. 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) 306-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 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:

1. *Applicant:* R. Natalie P. Goodall, Sarmiento 44, 9410 Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, ARGENTINA.

Permit Application No. 97-002.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: The applicant is a free-lance research biologist conducting research on marine mammals and birds in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. This season the applicant will lecture onboard cruise ships visiting the Antarctic Peninsula and proposes to salvage skeletons and bones of cetaceans and marine birds (especially penguins) encountered during shore visits. The salvaged bones will be used to compare with those collected from similar species in Tierra del Fuego region. All salvaged materials will be stored in the applicant's research collection in Ushuaia, Argentina. No bones will be collected from large cetaceans, except earbones for identification purposes only.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula and adjacent islands.

Dates: December 1, 1995-April 30, 1997.

2. *Applicant:* Bill J. Baker, Department of Chemistry, Florida State University, 150 W. University Boulevard, Melbourne, Florida 32901.

Permit Application No. 97-004

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Introduction of non-indigenous species into Antarctica.

The applicant proposes to take four slants each of four non-pathogenic microorganisms to McMurdo Station, for use exclusively in the Cray Lab, to perform antimicrobial assays on extracts from marine invertebrates. These microorganisms (*Aspergillus niger*,