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Description of Permit Modification Requested

1. The Foundation issued a permit (99-010) to Dr. Rennie S. Holt on September 25, 1998. The issued permit allows for the censuring, capture, handling and released of up to 80 adult and 1500 Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) pups. In addition, up to 40 female/pup pairs would be captured for measurements of energy expenditure, food intake, dive depth, duration, time of day and dive frequency, swim speed and foraging location, as well as attendance—related factors of pup growth using milk extraction and gastric lavage.

The permit holder requests to modify his permit to conduct developmental metabolic studies (capture, tag, bleach mark, respiration rate, isotope) involving an increase of up to 32 animals per annum (16 pups and 16 juveniles). Additional samples will be collected from pups and juveniles currently permitted for capture and handling (respiration rate, up to 15 pups and 10 juveniles per annum; isotope up to 10 juveniles per annum). Samples and specimens will be imported into the United States for further scientific study and analysis.

Location

Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (SSSI #32), Byers Peninsula (SSSI #6), Shouth Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates

February 1, 1999–April 1, 2001.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.
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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 these permit applications by February 1, 1999. 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) 306-1030.

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The applications received are as follows:

1. Applicant	Permit application No. 99-020
Rae Natalie Prosser Goodall
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9410 Ushuaia
Tierra del Fuego
Argentina

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested
Take

The applicant proposes to salvage dead specimens of birds and mammals that may be encountered while visiting various locations in the Antarctic Peninsula while traveling onboard cruise ships, research vessels or supply ships. The specimens will be used in comparison studies with specimens collected in southernmost South America in a continuation of a long-term project. The specimens will be stored in a museum/laboratory in Estancia Harberton, Tierra del Fuego and would be available for scientific study.

Location

Antarctic Peninsula region.

Dates

February 1, 1999–February 28, 2004.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting in Accordance With the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as Amended), the National Science Foundation Announces the Following Meetings

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research (1203).

Dates & Times: February 1, 1999; 3:00pm–8:00pm; February 2, 1999; 7:30am–4:30pm.

Place: State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Ulrich Strom, Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065.37, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1832.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning progress of Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

Agenda: To review and evaluate progress of materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the effort.