3. Disseminated information, the correction of which would serve no useful purpose; or
4. Requests that are deemed to be duplicative, repetitious, or frivolous. If the Commission determines that any of these exceptions apply, the responsible official will return the request to the person who submitted it, indicating that further action on the request will not be taken, identifying the applicable exception or exceptions, and explaining the basis for applying each of those exceptions in that particular instance.

The Commission’s goal is to provide a final decision on every properly filed request for correction within 60 days of receipt. If a request requires more than 60 days to resolve, the Commission will advise the requester that more time is needed, along with an explanation of the reason or reasons that more time is needed and an estimated decision date.

Action by the Responsible Official on Initial Requests for Correction: Upon receipt of a properly filed request, the responsible official will make a preliminary determination as to whether the request reasonably demonstrates, on the strength of the assertions made in the request alone, and assuming they are true and correct, that the information disseminated was based on a misapplication or non-application of the Commission’s applicable information quality standards. The responsible official will communicate his or her initial determination concerning the sufficiency of a request, and otherwise specify the status of the request to the requester, usually within 30 days of receipt. A final determination that a request does not state a proper claim will be communicated, along with an explanation of the deficiencies, to the requester, usually within 60 days of receipt. The requester may correct the deficiencies, otherwise amend, and resubmit the request. If the responsible official preliminarily determines that a properly filed request indicates that there may be a valid claim, the Commission will institute an objective review process to investigate and analyze relevant material in a manner consistent with established internal procedures to determine whether the disseminated information complies with the Commission’s information quality standards. During such a review, the Commission may consult with members of its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals or outside experts to obtain their views on the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the disputed information. After considering the record as a whole, the responsible official will make an initial decision as to whether the information should be corrected and what, if any, corrective action should be taken. At its discretion, the Commission may provide the requester with an opportunity to discuss the request with the responsible official or other reviewers.

If the Commission determines that corrective action is appropriate, corrective measures may be taken through a number of forms, including, but not limited to, personal contacts via letter or telephone, form letters, press releases, postings on an appropriate Web site, or withdrawal or amendment of the information in question. The form of corrective action will be determined by the nature and timeliness of the information involved and such factors as the significance of the error, the use or anticipated use of the information, and the magnitude of the error.

The responsible official will communicate his or her decision or indicate the status of the request to the requester, usually within 60 days of receipt of the request. That communication will specify the agency’s initial decision, the basis for that decision, and whether, and, if so, what corrective action has been or will be taken. In addition, an initial decision will indicate the name and title of the official responsible for making the decision, a notice that the requester may appeal an initial denial within 30 days of that denial, and the name and title of the official to whom an appeal may be submitted. An initial denial will become a final agency decision if no appeal is filed within 30 days of that denial.

Appeal From an Initial Denial: An appeal of an initial denial must be filed within 30 days of the date of the initial decision. Any such appeal must be in writing and addressed to the official identified in the initial decision. An appeal of an initial denial must include:
1. The requester’s name, current home address or business address, and telephone number or e-mail address (in order to ensure timely communication);
2. A copy of the original request and any correspondence regarding the initial denial; and
3. A statement of the reasons why the requester believes the initial denial to be in error.

The official responsible for considering an appeal will be a Commissioner or a senior staff member who was not materially involved in reviewing the initial request or in making the initial decision. A decision concerning the appeal will be based on the entirety of the information in the appeal record. Generally, no opportunity for a personal appearance, oral argument, or hearing concerning the appeal will be provided; however, at his or her discretion, the official responsible for considering the appeal may discuss the request with the appellant. The official responsible for considering the appeal will make every effort to make and communicate his or her decision to the requester within 60 calendar days of receipt of the appeal. In the event that more time is needed, the responsible official will inform the appellant and provide an explanation of the reason or reasons that more time is needed, along with an estimated decision date.

Reporting Requirements

The Commission will submit an annual report to OMB by 1 January of each year specifying the number and type of correction requests received during the previous year and how any such requests were resolved. These reports will explain the Commission’s practices for responding to such requests, including those that fit within the scope of any of the exceptions under which a request was not considered.

The Commission will submit its initial report in the first reporting cycle following adoption of final guidelines.

Dated: August 11, 2011.

Timothy J. Ragen,
Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

The National Science Board (NSB) Committee on Audit and Oversight and the NSB Committee on Strategy and Budget, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of NSF business and other matters specified, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: Monday, August 29, 2011 at 4 p.m.–5 p.m., E.D.T.

SUBJECT MATTER: Review, discussion and recommendation of the NSF FY 2013 budget.

STATUS: Closed.

This meeting will be held by teleconference originating at the National Science Board Office, National
Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application from Mr. Sebastian Copeland for his private expedition crossing Antarctica from the Russian Novo station on the coast to the Pole of Inaccessibility to South Pole and ending at Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions camp at Union Glacier where they will be flown back to Punta Arenas, Chile. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within September 16, 2011. 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: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Environmental Officer, 1626 Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Telephone: (703) 292–7000.

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PEACE CORPS

Information Collection Request Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps will be submitting the National Agency Check (NAC) Questionnaire for Peace Corps Volunteer Background Investigation (OMB Control Number 0420–0001) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Notice of the information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2011, at 76 FR 12939, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. Peace Corps received 16 identical comments stating that “the Peace Corps must ensure that the proposed information collection activity screens out and excludes those individuals motivated exclusively (or near exclusively) to promote or participate in the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision.” As the NAC Questionnaire for Peace Corps Volunteer Background Investigation (OMB Control Number 0420–0001) requests only identifying information about Volunteer applicants in order to locate records pertaining to applicants’ legal activities and legal suitability for Peace Corps Volunteer service. As those records are not likely to contain information concerning views about circumcision, it will not be possible to make such a judgment about applicants using this form.

A copy of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Written comments and