

independence, lack of partisanship, and objectivity in its historical context. The Commission intends to focus on this mandate as a theme of the book.

The book is planned to include the following chapters:

Chapter 1. Introduction

The agency and its mission 100 years on
An independent, nonpartisan agency:
A technical, not policy, mission
aspects of independence (budget, litigation,
etc.)
The framework of the book; summary of
chapters

Chapter 2. The Creation of the Tariff Commission

The perceived need for an agency
President Wilson's initiative
Communications between Administration
and Congress
Evolution of organic legislation
The Tariff Commission opens its doors

Chapter 3. Evolution of the Agency, 1917–2016

Early activities
Debates over the number of Commissioners
Tie-breaker provisions
Debate over the strong Chairmanship
Issues with Commissioner and Chairman
appointments
Old DC and NYC offices, new building,
libraries
Agency alumni strengthen the trade
community

Chapter 4. Tariff-Related Proceedings

Tariffs before the creation of the Tariff
Commission
Early Tariff Commission activities
Commission role in the drafting of the 1930,
1962 (TSUS), and 1988 (HTS) tariff
schedules
The Tariff Schedule of the United States
The Harmonized Tariff Schedule
World Customs Organization activities
The 484(f) Committee
Miscellaneous tariff bills
Recommendations to the President updating
the HTS

Chapter 5. Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations

The problems of dumping and subsidization
Antidumping and countervailing duty
activities prior to the 1979 Act
Practice from the 1979 Act to the Uruguay
Round Implementation Act
Practice since the URAA
Litigation

Chapter 6. Safeguards

Development of the concept under domestic
law (the Reciprocal Trade Agreements
Act and various extensions)
Inclusion of the concept in international
agreements (the GATT and WTO
Safeguards Agreement and in bilateral
free trade agreements)
Commission investigations under executive
orders and U.S. trade legislation (the
1951, 1962, 1974, 1988, and 1994 trade
legislation)
Three prominent cases—footwear (1968),

autos (1980), and steel (2001)
China safeguards
The lack of cases in recent years

Chapter 7. Intellectual Property Investigations

The problem of unfair imports
The first statute
Section 337
Patent infringement
Trademark infringement
Non-IP investigations
The evolution of the injury requirement
The surge of investigations
Presidential overrides; the Samsung/Apple
case
Selected recent developments: e.g., domestic
industry, public interest
Litigation

Chapter 8. Industry and Economic Analysis for Congress

Reports prepared for Congress vs. reports for
the President
Fact-finding investigations under the 1916
act and section 332 of the Tariff Act
Fact-finding investigations under other
authorities
Economic modeling

Chapter 9. Industry and Economic Analysis for the Executive Branch

Role prior to World War II, war time role, and
supporting role in trade negotiations
Role in supporting STR and USTR with fact-
finding reports and trade negotiation
advice

Chapter 10. Conclusion

Summary of the book

This table of contents is preliminary
and has not yet been finalized. The
Commission is willing to entertain
suggestions from prospective authors for
modifications to the table.

The Commission is seeking authors to
prepare chapters for the book (other
than the Conclusion). Each submission
for a chapter on one of the
Commission's functions would need to
address the following: Why Congress
felt the need for legislation on the
subject of the chapter (e.g., antidumping
and countervailing duty
determinations); why the Commission
was selected to provide such
determinations (such as the need for
objectivity); and how the Commission
has implemented the law. The
Commission is willing to accept
submissions that are a joint effort of two
or more co-authors. Submissions should
be consistent with the above-described
mandate of non-partisanship and
objectivity.

Once filed, each submission will
undergo an extensive review process.
The Commission reserves the right to
edit each submission for form, style, and
content. The agency provides no
guarantee that a submission will be
published in the Centennial History.

Publication of a chapter will not result
in monetary remuneration.

The Commission is considering
convening a conference at which
submissions for the Centennial History
would be discussed. All authors whose
contributions have been accepted for the
book would have an opportunity to
participate in the conference. In
addition, authors whose contributions
do not become part of the book may be
permitted to participate. Their
contributions would also be considered
for inclusion in the proceedings of the
conference.

As stated above, a prospective author
must provide written notice to the
Commission by January 29, 2016, of the
intent to file a submission. This intent
to file must include the following
information:

1. Name(s)
2. Institutional Affiliation(s)
3. Status (e.g., doctoral student,
Assistant Professor, practitioners)
4. Email address(es)
5. Mailing Address(es)
6. One (1) page single-spaced abstract of
the chapter(s) in Microsoft Word
format.

Once the Commission has received
the notices, each author will receive a
packet including: A tentative offer to
publish, a voluntary services agreement,
and guidelines on editorial styles and
compliance with section 508 of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 4, 2016.

William R. Bishop,

*Supervisory Hearings and Information
Officer.*

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Hearings of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on the
Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure,
Judicial Conference of the United States.
ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public
hearing.

SUMMARY: The following public hearing
on proposed amendments to the Federal
Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure has been
canceled: Bankruptcy Rules Hearing on
January 29, 2016, in Pasadena,
California. Announcements for this
meeting were previously published in
80 FR 48120, 80 FR 50324 and 80 FR
51604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca A. Womeldorf, Rules Committee Secretary, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

Dated: January 4, 2016.

Rebecca A. Womeldorf,
Rules Committee Secretary.

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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 under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

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 at title 45 part 671 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 February 8, 2016. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or ACAPermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

1. Applicant Permit Application: 2016-024

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Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Waste Permit. The applicant will conduct research around the Antarctic Peninsula to determine the ecological role of baleen whales. Recently developed sensor tags will be used to collect data on the underwater movement and behavior of the whales. Over time, the applicant will be able to determine how changes in the whales' behavior correspond to changes in sea ice, krill, and other critical aspects of the Antarctic marine ecosystem that are at risk from rapidly changing climates. The applicant will also collect skin and blubber biopsy samples to gain a better understanding of the identity, population structure, and health of the whales. The applicant will collaborate with Antarctic tour operators that will provide platforms to the applicant's research team in order to gather data during time periods that are undersampled. The applicant is seeking a waste permit to cover any accidental releases that may occur if the biopsy darts and/or tags are lost.

Multi-sensor, suction cup tags. The tags contain electronic sensors that are contained in a syntactic foam housing (400g in weight). The tags also contain a VHF radio beacon that aids in tag retrieval via standard radio tracking equipment. The tags remain on whales for up to 24 hours via silicon suction cups. When they are shed, they float and are retrieved using radio telemetry tracking tools. The applicant's research team remains in visual or radio contact with the tag continuously while it is deployed and until it is recovered. While tag failure is rare, if the VHF transmitter fails the tag would likely remain floating until it became beach-cast. In the applicant's experience, VHF failure occurs rarely, less than 1% of all deployments. A lost tag would constitute waste in the form of 300 grams of syntactic foam, 100 grams of electronics and 20 grams of silicon suction cups. The research teams are comprised of experienced researchers with many years of field time. By employing personnel such as this, the applicant minimizes the risk of generating waste and losing any equipment due to human error.

Biopsy darts. Biopsy sampling is done with a crossbow firing a floating dart,

made of aluminum and carbon fiber, that bounces off the whale's body after extracting a tiny plug of tissue. The biopsy tips are a 40 mm stainless steel barrel. The bolts also contain a 5x2cm foam float that is used to aid in dart retrieval. The bolts are highly visible and remain at the surface for retrieval. The applicant will only collect samples when weather and light conditions are good and offer the best chance at retrieving the bolt. The applicant's research team generally takes samples at a range of 10-30 meters that allows them to maintain visual contact with the bolt when it is in the water. During biopsy sampling, the team has an observer whose job is to maintain visual contact with the bolt until retrieval. The applicant's research team has collected over 500 biopsy samples in Antarctica on various projects and has only failed to retrieve two bolts to date. When bolts are lost, it is likely that they would remain floating for some time unless the foam breaks in which case the bolt would likely sink quickly.

Location

Antarctic Peninsula

Dates

February 23, 2016 to April 30, 2020

Nadene G. Kennedy,

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Division of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACAPermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 6, 2015 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit modification application received. The permit modification was issued on December 31, 2015 to: