

the above address, 703–292–8030, or ACAPermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Antarctic meteorite collection, documentation, and curation plan has been received from Ralph Harvey and James Karner of Case Western University.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board, 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 of RESCHEDULING a meeting for the transaction of National Science Board business.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT: 83 FR 43710, published on August 27, 2018. The teleconference meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2018, from 3:00–4:00 p.m. EDT.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF

POSTPONEMENT: 83 FR 44675, published on August 30, 2018.

NEW TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: This closed teleconference meeting of the National Science Board has been rescheduled and will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. EDT.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brad Gutierrez, bgutierr@nsf.gov, 703–292–7000. Please refer to the National Science Board website for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter, and status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>.

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Executive Assistant, National Science Board Office.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Modification Request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 12, 2018. Permit applications 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), 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.

1. *Description of Permit Modification Requested:* NSF issued a permit (ACA 2018–012) to Jay J. Rotella on October 16, 2017. The issued permit allows the permit holder to continue long-term studies of Weddell seal populations in Erebus Bay and the McMurdo Sound region to evaluate how temporal variation in the marine environment affects individual life histories and population dynamics of a long-lived mammal. These studies may require the permit holder and agents to enter into six ASPAs in the area. Research involves capture and release of up to 675 Weddell seal pups at one to four days after birth for flipper tagging per year. A recent modification to this permit, dated November 22, 2017, permitted the permit holder to increase the total take of Weddell seal pups for flipper tagging from 675 to 1000.

Now the permit holder proposes a modification to the permit to increase the number of takes allocated to certain permitted activities to reflect the same increases authorized earlier this year in

NMFS Permit No. 21158–02. The take increases from those allowed under the ACA permit, as originally issued, would be as follows: Increase from 515 to 800 pups, flipper tagged once; increase from 10 to 20 pups, flipper tagged twice; increase from 285 to 385 adults, flipper tagged once; increase from 1325 to 1800 adults, harassment takes (4 per animal); increase from 675 to 910 pups, harassment takes (4 per animal); increase from 10 to 35 adults, salvage parts and vibrissae samples (3 per animal). These proposed changes would set the total number of takes of Weddell seal pups for flipper tagging to 970. The permit holder has also requested that a documentary film crew be allowed to accompany and film the permit holder and agents as they conduct the permitted activities this season.

Location: Erebus Bay, McMurdo Sound; ASPA 137, North-West White Island, McMurdo Sound; ASPA 155, Cape Evans; ASPA 121, Cape Royds; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158, Hut Point, Ross Island; ASPA 161, Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 1, 2018–September 30, 2022.

2. *Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2018–013) to Linnea Pearson on October 16, 2017. The issued permit allows the permit holder to handle Weddell seal pups per year for the purposes of studying the thermoregulatory strategies by which the pups maintain eutheria in air and in water and examine the development of diving capability as the animals prepare for independent foraging. Each of the ten seal pups, separated into two cohorts of five each, were to be handled at four time points between one and eight weeks of age. Flipper-mounted time/depth recorder tags were to be attached to 1-week-old seal pups and removed from the pups at 7–8 weeks of age. At the 3-week time point, accelerometer tags were to be attached to the dorsal pelage of the pups and then removed at 7–8 weeks of age. VHF radio transmitters were allowed to be attached to the seal pups dorsal, caudal pelage after molting. The collection of a single whisker by plucking from each seal pup was allowed at 7–8 weeks of age. Protocols not requiring sedation (mass, morphometrics, core and surface temperatures, metabolic rates) and protocols requiring anesthesia (body composition, biopsies, blood volume analysis) were to be conducted on the first cohort of five pups at all four time points. The sedative midazolam was to be used alone on 1-week-old pups in the first cohort, while a combination of