

data will be used separately from the BRS sample in analyzing and understanding the job openings and closings data reported in the JOLTS survey and will make it unnecessary for the JOLTS program to request emergency clearance to add questions to the existing survey.

### III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Business Response Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0197.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for profits; Farms; Non-profit institutions.

*Total Respondents:* 152,698.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Total Responses:* 152,698.

*Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 25,450 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 28, 2020.

**Mark Staniorski,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Modification Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.  
**ACTION:** Notice of permit modifications issued.

**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, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-292-8030; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 19, 2019 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit modification request received. The permit modification was issued on October 18, 2019 to:

Linnea Pearson, Permit No. 2018-013

On October 7, 2019 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit modification request received. The permit modification was issued on November 20, 2019 to:

Ron Naveen, Oceanites Inc., Permit No. 2019-001

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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 Received and Permit Issued.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated and permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification and permit issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower

Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-292-8224; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation (NSF), as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541, 45 CFR 671), 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 a requiring special protection.

1. NSF issued a permit (ACA 2018-025) to Bill Davis, VP Operations, Quark Expeditions Inc., on November 24, 2017. Under that permit, Quark Expeditions is permitted to conduct waste management associated with the operation and activities of multiple tour vessels in the Antarctic Peninsula region. Activities including shore excursions by Zodiac, kayaking, day paddling, stand-up paddle boarding, polar plunges, cross-country skiing, ice climbing and mountaineering, downhill skiing, and vessel-supported short overnight stays (camping) may be conducted on selected voyages. The permit holder may also operate a small, battery-operated remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS) consisting, in part, of a quadcopter equipped with a camera to collect footage for commercial and educational purposes. The permit expires March 31, 2022.

On August 27, 2019 (revised November 3, 2019), Quark Expeditions provided NSF an update based on activities planned for the 2019-2020 field season. The activities are the same or similar as those detailed in the original permit. Allison Kean now holds the position of Operations Manager and is the primary contact for the permit holder. The Environmental Officer has reviewed the modification request and has determined that the amendment is not a material change to the permit, and it will have a less than a minor or transitory impact.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:*

November 4, 2019-March 31, 2022.

The permit modification was issued on November 4, 2019.

2. NSF issued a permit (ACA 2016-020) to Laura K.O. Smith, Owner, Operator Quixote Expeditions, on December 23, 2015. The issued permit allows the permit holder to conduct waste management activities associated with the operation of the "Ocean Tramp," a reinforced ketch rigged sailing yacht in the Antarctic Peninsula region. Activities to be conducted by Quixote include: passenger landings, hiking, photography, wildlife viewing, and possible station visits.