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; and
- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–OWCP–DCMWC.

type of review: Extension.


Form: Report of Changes that May Affect Your Black Lung Benefits, CM–929, CM–929P.

OMB Control Number: 1240–0028.

Affected Public: Individuals and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 12,000.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 5–80 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,810 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Other Cost Burden: $0.00.


Anjanette Suggs,
Agency Clearance Officer.

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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.

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 in 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 December 24, 2020. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESS: 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, 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 requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2021–006

1. Applicant: Ari S. Friedlaender, Institute for Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management. The applicant would conduct research around the Antarctic Peninsula to determine the ecological role of baleen whales. Sensor tags would be used to collect data on the underwater movement and behavior of the whales. Over time, the applicant would 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 would collect skin and blubber biopsy samples to gain a better understanding of the identity, population structure, and health of the whales. The applicant would operate unoccupied/remotely piloted aircraft systems (UAS, RPAS) to collect photographs of individual whales for health assessment purposes. The applicant would collaborate with Antarctic tour operators that would 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, tags, and/or remotely piloted aircraft are lost. The research teams would be comprised of experienced researchers and UAS/RPAS pilots. By employing personnel such as this, the applicant would minimize the risk of