

Edmonson Point, Wood Point, Ross Sea; ASPA 178—Inexpressible Island and Seaview Bay, Ross Sea. McMurdo Station, Palmer Station, U.S. Antarctic Program vessels.

Dates of Permitted Activities: 1 January 2026–31 December 2029.

Permit Application: 2026–016

2. *Applicant:* Gabriel Matthias, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 201 Railway Ave., Seward, AK 99664

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management (45 CFR 671). The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing waste management activities in association with the operation of research cruises in the Antarctic Peninsula region. The applicant plans to support multidisciplinary research including sea ice, water, and sediment sampling, invertebrate collections using SCUBA, and the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) for diver safety and site scouting. RPAS would only be flown within visual line of sight and not in proximity to wildlife. Mitigation measures will be used to reduce the risk of RPAS loss, including flotation devices and reflective markings. A small, battery-powered Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) would also be used to assess site suitability and to aid in invertebrate collections. The ROV would be tethered, and in the event of malfunction could be retrieved manually using the tether. Additionally, the research cruises will support the deployment of field camps on Seymour Island to conduct geologic rock-coring research. Waste management activities associated with the field camp will be conducted under a separate ACA permit held by Leidos Inc. (ACA 2025–008).

Location: Antarctic Peninsula region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: January 12, 2026–March 25, 2026.

Permit Application: 2026–017

3. *Applicant:* Lee Ellett, University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Nimitz Marine Facility, 297 Rosecrans St., San Diego, CA 92107

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management (45 CFR 671). The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing waste management activities in association with the operation of research cruises in the Antarctic Peninsula region. The applicant plans to support the ongoing Palmer Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) study. Research activities include a regional scale sampling grid of hydrographic stations, sediment sampling, and

deploying physical oceanographic moorings. Releases to the environment of scientific sampling equipment would include three steel mooring anchors, two Argo floats, one Slocum glider, and up to 80 XBT probes. Additionally, avian researchers will be deployed on several islands to conduct seabird censuses. Avian census work will be conducted under a separate, existing ACA permit.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: January 1, 2026–February 27, 2026.

Jean C. Allen,

Office Director, Office of Polar Programs.

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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.

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:

Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 603–292–4479; email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 11, 2025, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on the following date

1. Lynne Talley, Permit No. 2026–001, October 30, 2025.

On September 26, 2025, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. The permits were issued on the following dates

1. Allyson Hindle, Permit No. 2026–007, October 27, 2025.
2. Lee Welhouse, Permit No. 2026–008, October 27, 2025.

Jean C. Allen,

Office Director, Office of Polar Programs.

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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 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 issued.

DATES: November 6, 2025 to February 28, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703–292–4479; email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The

National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541, 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–227), has developed regulations (45 CFR parts 670 to 674) for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica related to the designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection, among other purposes.

Description of Permit Modification

Requested: The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2021–008) to Michael Gooseff on March 22, 2021. The issued permit allows the applicant to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA) 131 and 172 (45 CFR 670) in association with ongoing stream flow and water quality research as a part of the McMurdo Dry Valleys Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) site. The permit allows for access to ASPA 172 to continue measurements of the Santa Fe stream including stream-flow using velocity meters, pH, temperature, and conductivity via meters, and collection of water quality samples.

The applicant proposes a modification to the permit to study subsurface water movement under the Lower Taylor Glacier by accessing the sub-aerial component of ASPA 172 to deploy up to eight SmartSolo IGU–16HR 3C geophones on the glacier's surface. Each instrument has a footprint of approximately 4 inches x 4 inches and would be attached to the glacier's

surface by hand-auguring one 8-inch deep and 6-inch wide hole per instrument and affixing with spikes within the hole. The instruments contain an internal lithium-ion battery for power. The instruments would be deployed in November 2025 and retrieved in December 2025. All required biosecurity protocols for entering the sub-aerial component of the ASPA would be followed, including sterilizing footwear and equipment prior to entry and the use of sterile, protective over-clothing.

The ACA Permit Officer has reviewed the modification request and has determined that the amendment is not a material change to the permit, and that the permitted work will have a less than a minor or transitory impact.

The permit modification was issued on November 6, 2025

Jean C. Allen,

Office Director, Office of Polar Programs.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2026–92 and K2026–93; MC2026–93 and K2026–94; MC2026–94 and K2026–95; MC2026–95 and K2026–96; MC2026–96 and K2026–97; MC2026–97 and K2026–98; MC2026–98 and K2026–99]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 21, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive

products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests. The comment due date discussed below does not apply to Section III proceedings (Docket Nos. MC2026–93 and K2026–94; MC2026–94 and K2026–95; MC2026–96 and K2026–97; MC2026–98 and K2026–99).

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–92 and K2026–93; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Contract 101 to Competitive Product List and Notice Of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* November 13, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Samuel Robinson; *Comments Due:* November 21, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–95 and K2026–96; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1458 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* November 13, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due:* November 21, 2025.

3. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–97 and K2026–98; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 944 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* November 13, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due:* November 21, 2025.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–93 and K2026–94; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add New Fulfillment Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 916, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* November 13, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

2. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–94 and K2026–95; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).