

or manuals that are cited may be requested in addition to schedules for the electronic copies. NARA will provide the first 100 pages at no cost. NARA may charge \$.20 per page for additional copies. These materials also may be examined at no cost at the National Archives at College Park (8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD).

ADDRESSES: To request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice, write to the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Requests also may be transmitted by FAX to 301-713-6852 or by e-mail to records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports and/or copies of previously approved schedules or manuals should so indicate in their request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller, Director, Modern Records Programs (NWM), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: (301) 713-7110; E-mail: records.mgt@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs the records to conduct its business. Routine administrative records common to most agencies are approved for disposal in the General Records Schedules (GRS), which are disposition schedules issued by NARA that apply Government-wide.

On March 25, 1999, the Archivist issued NARA Bulletin 99-04, which told agencies what they must do to schedule electronic copies associated with previously scheduled program records and certain administrative records that were previously scheduled under GRS 20, Items 13 and 14. On December 27, 1999, the Archivist issued NARA Bulletin 2000-02, which suspended Bulletin 99-04 pending

NARA's completion in FY 2001 of an overall review of scheduling and appraisal. On completion of this review, which will address all records, including electronic copies, NARA will determine whether Bulletin 99-04 should be revised or replaced with an alternative scheduling procedure. However, NARA will accept and process schedules for electronic copies prepared in accordance with Bulletin 99-04 that are submitted after December 27, 1999, as well as schedules that were submitted prior to this date.

Schedules submitted in accordance with NARA Bulletin 99-04 only cover the electronic copies associated with previously scheduled series. Agencies that wish to schedule hitherto unscheduled series must submit separate SF 115s that cover both recordkeeping copies and electronic copies used to create them.

In developing SF 115s for the electronic copies of scheduled records, agencies may use either of two scheduling models. They may add an appropriate disposition for the electronic copies formerly covered by GRS 20, Items 13 and 14, to every item in their manuals or records schedules where the recordkeeping copy has been created with a word processing or electronic mail application. This approach is described as Model 1 in Bulletin 99-04. Alternatively, agencies may group records by program, function, or organizational component and propose disposition instructions for the electronic copies associated with each grouping. This approach is described as Model 2 in the Bulletin. Schedules that follow Model 2 do not describe records at the series level.

For each schedule covered by this notice the following information is provided: name of the Federal agency and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority; the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or a statement that the schedule has agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency; the control number assigned to each schedule; the total number of schedule items; the number of temporary items (the record series proposed for destruction); a brief description of the temporary electronic copies; and citations to previously approved SF 115s or printed disposition manuals that scheduled the recordkeeping copies associated with the electronic copies covered by the pending schedule. If a cited manual or schedule is available from the Government Printing Office or has been posted to a publicly available Web site, this too is noted.

Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

Schedule Pending

1. Federal Emergency Management Agency, Agency-wide (N9-311-01-1, 56 items, 56 temporary items). Electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing that relate to such agency programs and activities as office administration, audits and investigations, budgeting, the continuity of Government program, disaster assistance, emergency operations and mobilization programs, the Federal Insurance Administration program, informational services, planning and management, personnel and payroll, procurement, property and space management, radiological defense, records management, telecommunications, temporary housing, and training and education. This schedule follows Model 2 as described in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. Recordkeeping copies of these files are included in the agency's Files Maintenance and Records Disposition manual (FEMA Manual 5400.2).

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Michael J. Kurtz,

Assistant Archivist for Records Services—Washington, DC.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the National Endowment for the Arts is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information

collection request for generic approval for customer service focus groups, short oral/written questionnaires to small target audiences, and structured interviews with individuals representative of external customer groups. A copy of the collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below on or before October 26, 2001. The National Endowment for the Arts 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; 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 the electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Laurence M. Baden, Deputy Chairman for Management & Budget, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 628, Washington, DC 20506-001, telephone (202) 682-5408 or (202) 682-5496 for TTY and TDD (these are not a toll-free numbers), fax (202) 682-5798.

Laurence M. Baden,
Deputy Chairman for Management and Budget.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

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

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 670 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 these permit applications by September 26, 2001. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 94-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended 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 Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant;* Permit Application No. 2002-007
Rennie S. Holt, Director, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, Import into the U.S.A., and Enter Specially Antarctic Protected Area. The applicant proposes to conduct ship-supported and land-based penniped studies in the region of the Antarctic Peninsula as a continuation of studies conducted from 1996-2001. Continuing studies encompassing census surveys, attendance, diving, foraging, diet, age determination, pathology, and long term monitoring (censusing/tagging) of Antarctic fur seals, Elephant, Crabeater, Leopard, Weddell, and Ross seals will be conducted at the AMLR Program

campsite at Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (Antarctic Specially Protected Area #149), including the San Telmo Islands. A complete census of the seal population will be conducted as well as tagging of up to 600 new fur seal pups. Attendance, diving and foraging studies will require instrumentation (TDR's) of up to 60 fur seals. Enema, scat and milk collection will be used to study the diet behavior of fur seals throughout the austral summer. Blood and other tissue samples will be collected to initiate pathology studies since prior sample collection detected the presence of Brucella within the fur seal population.

The application also proposes to continue seabird research conducted in the past. The studies will include censuses and banding of all sea birds. A subset of chinstrap and Gentoo penguins will be captured, and weighed. A subset of adult penguins will have blood and stomach samples collected, where as others will have instruments temporarily attached to collect diving/foraging information in an attempt to examine the population dynamics of these species. All collected samples will be returned to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center for processing and analysis.

In addition the applicant proposes to salvage bones and carcasses of dead seals and other cetacean species found on shore for importation to the U.S. These materials will be stored at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center for educational and research to purposes.

Location: Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island (ASPA #149) and the Antarctic Peninsula region

Dates: November 15, 2001 to April 15, 2006

2. *Applicant;* Permit Application No. 2002-008
Vickie Usher Russell, CNN Producer, 132 Geneva Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant will be filming a TV documentary for CNN showcasing the exciting scientific research and remarkable and demanding working conditions scientists and support personnel endure in Antarctica. The team proposes to film research conducted in the field and therefore proposes to enter Cape Royds penguin rookery (ASPA #121) to film scientists working with the penguins. In addition the documentary team proposes to focus some attention on the early Antarctic explorers and proposes to film as many of the Ross Island historic huts as possible. Therefore they plan to enter