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 under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

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 at title 45 part 670 of 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, Division of Polar Programs, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foundation issued a permit (ACA 2014–003) to Jennifer Burns on July 18, 2013. The permit allows the applicant to study the interaction of Weddell seal condition and the timing of molting and reproduction via capture, restraint, and sedation of adult female seals to conduct health assessments and attach tags.

Now the applicant proposes a permit modification to attach 2 new types of tags, to conduct nasal swabs, and to keep on some of the tags over winter to collect more data. Both new proposed tags are less than 100g. The seals are already sedated for other permitted procedures, and these new tag attachments and procedures would not increase handling time, since they can be simultaneously conducted during ultrasounds.

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.

The permit modification was issued on November 20, 2015 to February 28, 2017. The permit modification was issued on November 20, 2015. Nadene G. Kennedy, Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 8, 2015 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of a permit application received. The permit was issued on November 19, 2015 to:

Permit No. 2016–016

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Filing Online system at http://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.

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I. Introduction

On November 19, 2015, the Postal Service filed notice that it has entered into an additional Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 4 (GREP 4) negotiated service agreement (Agreement).1

To support its Notice, the Postal Service filed a copy of the Agreement, a copy of the Governors’ Decision authorizing the product, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers.

II. Notice of Commission Action


The Commission appoints Christopher C. Mohr to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:
1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2016–21 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service’s Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Christopher C. Mohr is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding (Public Representative)
3. Comments are due no later than November 30, 2015.

1 Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 4 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 19, 2015 (Notice).