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This notice is a general solicitation of comments from the public.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19 day of October 2017.

Martha Newton,

Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2018-002]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed extension request.

SUMMARY: NARA proposes to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of approval to collect information from individuals requesting a research card. People must have a research card to use original archival records in a NARA facility. We invite you to comment on certain aspects of this proposed information collection.

DATES: We must receive written comments on or before December 26, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (MP), Room 4100, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001, or email them to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Tamee Fechhelm by telephone

at 301-837-1694, or by email at tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov, with requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on information collections we propose to renew. We submit proposals to renew information collections first through a public comment period and then to OMB for review and approval pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). We invite comments and suggestions on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for NARA to properly perform its functions, including whether the proposed information collection will have practical utility; (b) our estimate of the information collection's burden on respondents; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we propose to collect; (d) ways to minimize the burden on respondents of collecting the information, including through use of information technology; and (e) whether this collection affects small businesses. We will summarize any comments you submit and include the summary in our request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA solicits comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Researcher Application.

OMB number: 3095-0016.

Agency form number: NA Form 14003.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated number of respondents: 15,967.

Estimated time per response: 8 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.
Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,129 hours.

Abstract: The information collection is prescribed by 36 CFR 1254.8. The collection is an application for a research card. Respondents are individuals who wish to use original archival records in a NARA facility and we request their name, address, contact information, and information about the research purpose and the records they wish to access. NARA uses the information to screen individuals, to

identify which types of records they should use, and to allow further contact.

Swarnali Haldar,

Executive for Information Services/CIO.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meeting of National Council on the Humanities

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the National Council on the Humanities will meet to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs and procedures for carrying out his functions; to review applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and make recommendations thereon to the Chairman; and to consider gifts offered to NEH and make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and Friday, November 17, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until adjourned.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 400 7th Street SW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606-8322; evoyatzis@neh.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Council on the Humanities is meeting pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 951-960, as amended). The Committee meetings of the National Council on the Humanities will be held on November 16, 2017, as follows: The policy discussion session (open to the public) will convene at 10:30 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m., followed by the discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council (closed to the public) from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The following Committees will meet in the NEH offices:

Digital Humanities.
Education Programs.
Federal/State Partnership.

Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants.

Public Programs.

Research Programs.

The plenary session of the National Council on the Humanities will convene on November 17, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Center at Constitution Center. The agenda for the morning session (open to the public) will be as follows:

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B. Reports

1. Acting Chairman's Remarks
2. Assistant Chairman for Programs' Remarks
3. Presentation
4. Congressional Affairs Report
5. Reports on Policy and General Matters
 - a. Digital Humanities
 - b. Education Programs
 - c. Federal/State Partnership
 - d. Preservation and Access
 - e. Challenge Grants
 - f. Public Programs
 - g. Research Programs

The remainder of the plenary session will be for consideration of specific applications and therefore will be closed to the public.

As identified above, portions of the meeting of the National Council on the Humanities will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4), 552b(c)(6) and 552b(c)(9)(b) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The closed sessions will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, and discussion of certain information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

Please note that individuals planning to attend the public sessions of the meeting are subject to security screening procedures. If you wish to attend any of the public sessions, please inform NEH as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Katherine Griffin at (202) 606-8322 or kgriffin@neh.gov. Please also provide advance notice of any special needs or accommodations, including for a sign language interpreter.

Dated: October 24, 2017.

Elizabeth Voyatzis,

Committee Management 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 November 27, 2017. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: 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 670), 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. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2018-024

1. *Applicant:* Joseph A. Covi, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, Wilmington, NC 28403.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The application proposes to enter four Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs) on King George Island, South Shetland Islands, Antarctica for the purposes of collecting small sediment samples from freshwater lakes and ephemeral ponds. The applicant would

enter ASPA 125, Fildes Peninsula; ASPA 132, Potter Peninsula; ASPA 150, Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay; and ASPA 171 Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula. The applicant plans to access the ASPAs by boat and on foot. Up to six sediment samples will be collected near the shoreline or from an inflatable boat from each of up to eight lakes and eight ephemeral ponds in total. Sediment core samples may be taken through holes drilled in the ice cover, as applicable. The applicant and agents will adhere to the management plans for each of the ASPAs that they propose to enter.

Location

King George Island, South Shetland Islands, Antarctica; ASPA 125, Fildes Peninsula; ASPA 132, Potter Peninsula; ASPA 150, Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay; and ASPA 171 Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula.

Dates of Permitted Activities

January 23, 2018–March 1, 2019.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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