§ 670.21 Designation of native plants.

All plants whose normal range is limited to, or includes Antarctica are designated native plants, including:

Bryophytes
Freshwater algae
Fungi

Lichens
Marine algae
Vascular Plants

§ 670.22 [Reserved]

Subpart E—Specially Protected Species of Mammals, Birds, and Plants

§ 670.23 Specific issuance criteria.

Permits authorizing the taking of mammals, birds, or plants designated as a Specially Protected Species of mammals, birds, and plants in §670.25 may only be issued if:

(a) There is a compelling scientific purpose for such taking;
(b) The actions allowed under any such permit will not jeopardize the existing natural ecological system, or the survival of the affected species or population;
(c) The taking involves non-lethal techniques, where appropriate; and
(d) The authorized taking, transporting, carrying or shipping will be carried out in a humane manner.

§ 670.24 Content of permit applications.

In addition to the information required in subpart C of this part, an applicant seeking a permit to take a Specially Protected Species shall include the following in the application:

(a) A detailed scientific justification of the need for taking the Specially Protected Species, including a discussion of possible alternative species;
(b) Information demonstrating that the proposed action will not jeopardize the existing natural ecological system or the survival of the affected species or population; and
(c) Information establishing that the taking, transporting, carrying, or shipping of any native bird or native mammal will be carried out in a humane manner.

§ 670.25 Designation of specially protected species of native mammals, birds, and plants.

The following species has been designated as Specially Protected Species by the Antarctic Treaty Parties and is hereby designated Specially Protected Species:

Emperor—Aptenodytes forsteri.
Gentoo—Pygoscelis papua.
King—Aptenodytes patagonicus.
Macaroni—Eudyptes chrysolophus.
Rockhopper—Eudyptes chrysocome.

Petrel
Antarctic—Thalassoica antarctica.
Black-bellied Storm—Fregata tropica.
Gray—Procellaria cinerea.
Great-winged—Pterodroma macroptera.
Kerguelen—Pterodroma neglecta.
Mottled—Pterodroma inexpectata.
Snow—Pagodroma nivea.
Soft-plumaged—Pterodroma mollis.
South-Georgia Diving—Pelecanoides georgicus.

White-bellied Storm—Fregetta grallaria.
White-chinned—Procellaria aequinoctialis.
White-headed—Pterodroma lessonii.
Wilson’s Storm—Oceanites oceanicus.

Pigeon
Cape—Daption capense.

Pintail
South American Yellow-billed—Anas georgica spinicauda.

Prion
Antarctic—Pachyptila desolata.
Narrow-billed—Pachyptila belcheri.

Shag
Blue-eyed—Phalacrocorax atriceps.

Shearwater
Sooty—Puffinus griseus.

Skua
Brown—Catharacta lonnbergi.
South Polar—Catharacta maccormickii.

Swallow
Barn—Hirundo rustica.

Sheathbill
American—Chionis alba.

Tern
Antarctic—Sterna vittata.
Arctic—Sterna paradisaea.

[66 FR 46739, Sept. 7, 2001]
Common Name and Scientific Name
Ross Seal—Ommatophoca rossii
[73 FR 14939, Mar. 20, 2008]

§ 670.26 [Reserved]

Subpart F—Antarctic Specially Protected Areas

§ 670.27 Specific issuance criteria.
Permits authorizing entry into any Antarctic Specially Protected Area designated in § 670.29 may only be issued if:
(a) The entry and activities to be engaged in are consistent with an approved management plan, or
(b) A management plan relating to the area has not been approved by the Antarctic Treaty Parties, but
(1) There is a compelling scientific purpose for such entry which cannot be served elsewhere, and
(2) The actions allowed under the permit will not jeopardize the natural ecological system existing in such area.

§ 670.28 Content of permit application.
In addition to the information required in subpart C of this part, an applicant seeking a permit to enter an Antarctic Specially Protected Area shall include the following in the application:
(a) A detailed justification of the need for such entry, including a discussion of alternatives;
(b) Information demonstrating that the proposed action will not jeopardize the unique natural ecological system in that area; and
(c) Where a management plan exists, information demonstrating the consistency of the proposed actions with the management plan.

§ 670.29 Designation of Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Specially Managed Areas and Historic Sites and Monuments.
(a) The following areas have been designated by the Antarctic Treaty Parties for special protection and are hereby designated as Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA). The Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, as amended, prohibits, unless authorized by a permit, any person from entering or engaging in activities within an ASPA. Detailed maps and descriptions of the sites and complete management plans can be obtained from the National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Room 755, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

ASPA 101 Taylor Rookery, Mac. Robertson Land
ASPA 102 Rookery Islands, Holme Bay, Mac. Robertson Land
ASPA 103 Ardery Island and Odbert Island, Budd Coast, Wilkes Land
ASPA 104 Sabrina Island, Northern Ross Sea, Antarctica
ASPA 105 Beaufort Island, McMurdo Sound, Ross Sea
ASPA 106 Cape Hallett, Northern Victoria Land, Ross Sea
ASPA 107 Emperor Island, Dion Islands, Marguerite Bay, Antarctic Peninsula
ASPA 108 Green Island, Berthelot Islands, Antarctic Peninsula
ASPA 109 Moe Island, South Orkney Islands
ASPA 110 Lynch Island, South Orkney Islands
ASPA 111 Southern Powell Island and adjacent islands, South Orkney Islands
ASPA 112 Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island, South Shetland Islands
ASPA 113 Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbour, Anvers Island, Palmer Archipelago
ASPA 114 Northern Coronation Island, South Orkney Islands
ASPA 115 Lagotellerie Island, Marguerite Bay, Graham Land
ASPA 116 New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird, Ross Island
ASPA 117 Avian Island, Marguerite Bay, Antarctic Peninsula
ASPA 118 Summit of Mount Melbourne, Victoria Land
ASPA 119 Davis Valley and Forlidas Pond, Dufek Massif, Pensacola Mountains
ASPA 120 Pointe-Geologie Archipelo, Terre Adelie
ASPA 121 Cape Royds, Ross Island
ASPA 122 Arrival Heights, Hut Point Peninsula, Ross Island
ASPA 123 Barwick and Balham Valleys, Southern Victoria Land
ASPA 124 Cape Crozier, Ross Island