samples, take measurements and attach satellite relay data loggers (SRDL) and VHF radio tags. The purpose for these activities is to determine and better understand the foraging strategies utilized by marine predators in the face of meso- and fine-scale ecological variability. The collected samples will be imported into the U.S. for further analysis.

Location: Within the seasonal pack ice in Marguerite Bay, West Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates: April 1, 2001 to August 31, 2003.

2. *Applicant*—Permit Application No. 2001–026: Bruce D. Sidell, School of Marine Sciences, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469–5471.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Introduce into Antarctica. The applicant proposes to use a mixture of species of frozen fish tissues from species native to Patagonian Chile, specifically *Macruronis magellanicus* and *Dissostichus eleganoides,* as bait in experimental fishing of fish traps/pots in the Antarctic peninsula area. The bait will be used to attempt to capture Antarctic fishes, in particular Channichthyid icefishes, for ongoing studies of the physiology and biochemistry of Antarctic icefishes. In all previous research seasons to date, capture of fish specimens has been carried out exclusively by benthic trawling. If use of the fish traps proves to be successful, this method could reduce the necessity and frequency for use of movable bottom gear and resultant disruption to benthic communities and could yield a much more diverse sample of fish species for research work.

Location: Antarctic peninsula area in the vicinities of Low, Brabant, Anvers, Livingston Islands and Deallmann Bay.

Dates: June 1, 2001 to July 31, 2001.

Joyce A. Jatko,

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

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: Joyce A. Jatko, Telephone 703–292–8032. Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 2000, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on January 19, 2001 to the following applicant: Raymond V. Arnaudo, Permit No. 2001–024.

Joyce A. Jatko,

Acting Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date and Time: February 27, 2001; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Miriam Heller, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 545, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8360.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY'00 Mechanics and Structures of Materials and Surface Engineering and Material Design Review Panel as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 25, 2001.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (#1119).

Date: February 26–28, 2001.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: PART–OPEN.

Contact Person: Lura Chase, Kathleen Bergin, Julio Lopez-Ferrao, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8690.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Agenda

February 26, 2001; 5 p.m.–7 p.m. (Closed): Introductions and Instructions.

February 27, 2001; 8 a.m.–6 p.m. (Closed): In-depth program review.

February 28, 2001; 8–10 p.m. and 12 p.m.–3 p.m. (Closed): In-depth program review and preparation of final report.

February 28, 2001; 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (Open): Discussion of findings and draft report.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 25, 2001.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications System (1196).

Date and Time: February 15–16, 2001; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 680, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.