Permitting/Authorisation Reminders

1. Permit/Authorization Applications
In speaking with several of the National Competent Authorities (NCAs), a significant concern is last minute requests by Operators. Please be aware that some NCAs may no longer accept last minute requests and it is in an Operator's best interest to make sure their applications are submitted within the appropriate timeline, so they can carry out their expeditions as planned.

a. HMS Endurance (HSM 93)
The wreck of the Endurance, the vessel owned and used by Sir Ernest Shackleton during his 1914-16 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, was designated an Historic Site & Monument (HSM) through Measure 12 (2019).

This is the first Marine HSM, and because of the unique environment in which it is found, as well as the historical significance, there is extra sensitivity to protecting this site.

Through its HSM status from Annex 5 – Article 8 of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty Area Protection and Management, it has specific protections.

Additionally, a Conservation Management Plan is being developed for the site. In the meantime, it is important IAATO Operators respect the site and the protections which are going to be put in place. Through this we will continue to demonstrate IAATO Operator's commitment to environmentally responsible travel to the Antarctic.

2. Advertising Activities Prior to Receiving Authorisation/Permits
All activities in Antarctica must be authorised or permitted from an NCA. Advertising activities which have not yet been permitted/authorised is a concern of NCAs. Please be sure to seek authorisation/permits for all activities prior to advertising, and be sure to follow IAATO’s Marketing Guidelines.

3. EIES Reports
Following the email from June 14th, this is a reminder to send a copy of your post-season EIES report to your Competent Authority if you have not done so yet.

The EIES report exports are formatted specifically so they can be uploaded by your NCA directly into the Antarctic Treaty Database. These reports are essential for accurate data exchange and understanding of activities in Antarctica.

The EIES report can be exported through the PVR section of the IAATO Database, and available for both pre-season and post-season reports. Please find detailed instructions on exporting the EIES attached.
4. South Georgia Town Hall
There will be a Town Hall held by GSGSSI on June 30th, 2022 at 1200 UTC. Please find the agenda and Zoom details for the meeting below.

- Agenda
- Welcome
- COVID Policy update
- Updated Fees for 2022-23
- Closed Sites
- Terrestrial Protected Area Update
- Voluntary Speed Limit

Zoom
Topic: GSGSSI Town Hall
Time: Jun 30, 2022 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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5. Special Information for those Authorised by the United States

a. Updated Advanced Notification Form DS-4131
Please note that the United States has updated the DS-4131 Advance Notification form; the intent was to make it shorter and easier to complete with more relevant fields.

It is located at https://eforms.state.gov/Forms/ds4131.PDF.

Please note the USA no longer requests you mail a hard copy of the completed DS-4131 – emailing a signed PDF to Antarctica@state.gov is sufficient. Also, to provide additional guidance, the USA requests the Expedition Organizer be an executive in headquarters who is familiar with the Antarctic operations.
b. Antarctic Recompete Information from the National Science Foundation
Future Antarctic recompete activity that may be of interest to IAATO Operators:
https://sam.gov/opp/b5da82bbecaf487992da9ee4447b190f/view and
https://sam.gov/opp/325748dcb87c40209db7e9be390d333e/view
Any questions about these posts should be directed to: recompete.USAP@nsf.gov.

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