

**Request for Waiver from
CALs, LSVC, SMPH or SVM IACUC Protocol Review For Fish and Wildlife Observational Studies in
Unmanipulated Natural Habitat, i.e. "Field Study Status"**

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Return completed form as attachment to iacuc@rarc.wisc.edu

INVESTIGATORS: Complete the following information to request a waiver from CALs, LSVC, SMPH or SVM IACUC review and approval **if** your proposed studies involve unobtrusive observation of fish and wild animals in their natural habitat that may meet the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) criteria for exemption of IACUC oversight. The appropriate IACUC will review and determine if this waiver is granted or if a full proposal submission is required.

Please contact IACUC Office at iacuc@rarc.wisc.edu if you have any questions.

1. Project Information

Principal Investigator (PI): _____
PI School/College: _____
PI Department/Unit: _____

Project Title: _____
Funding Source(s): _____

Primary Contact: _____
Primary Contact Email Address: _____
Primary Contact Phone: _____

Anticipated start date: _____
Anticipated end date: _____

2. Will your study involve physical capture and/or invasive procedures on free-ranging animals in natural habitats?
 NO YES

If yes, stop – a full animal care and use protocol submission and IACUC approval is required. See help text [here] to determine what type of protocol form to use.

3. To the best of your knowledge, will your study materially alter the biology, behavior, or ecology of any animals, whether target or non-target species, either intentionally or unintentionally? NO YES

If yes, stop – a full animal care and use proposal submission and IACUC approval is required. See help text [here] to determine what type of protocol form to use.

4. Please provide a brief outline, in layman's terms, of the proposed study. Please include:

- The study objectives.
- Any habitat manipulation e.g., baiting, fencing.
- Timing/frequency/duration/periodicity of study activities, including seasonality.
- Method of data collection.
- Any animal interactions with investigators.
- Any potential to impact non-target species.

INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE:

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information provided in this Request for Waiver of IACUC oversight i.e., "Field Study Status" is complete and accurate. I understand that any change in the study that introduces direct researcher-animal contact, or that includes animal activities that are invasive, do harm, and/or materially alter the biology, behavior, or ecology of the animal(s) will require review and approval of a full animal care and use proposal application by the appropriate IACUC before any research activities may commence. I understand that veterinary consultation by the Attending Veterinarian or their designee is available to me.

I further acknowledge that free-ranging fish and wildlife species may be endangered, threatened, or are of a certain status that will require federal, state, or international permits, clearances, or other permissions to be obtained prior to proceeding with any research activities. I will verify that I have applied for and been issued the required permits if the fish or wildlife species for this research project are listed as threatened, endangered, or of other status at the state, federal, or international level.

I will abide by all pertinent regulatory requirements, including securing all required permits, clearances, or other permissions for the animals used in this study prior to the commencement of any research activities.

I understand that this waiver for IACUC oversight does not supersede or substitute for any such permissions.

Signature of PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

By clicking the 'I Agree' button I acknowledge that I have read the form above and provided information to the best of my understanding.

I Agree

Cancel

Print name: _____

Date: _____

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The Attending Veterinarian and Animal Research Safety Manager, as delegated by the _____ IACUC, have reviewed the information provided by the Investigator. The _____ IACUC certifies that the proposed activities consist of fish and wildlife observational studies in which no direct contact with animals is planned, and the proposed activities will do no harm, are not invasive, and will not materially alter the biology, behavior, or ecology any animals in this study. No direct impact due to deliberate and substantial habitat manipulation is planned or expected. IACUC approval and oversight is not required.

The Attending Veterinarian and Animal Research Safety Manager, as delegated by the _____ IACUC, have reviewed the information provided by the Investigator and has determined that the proposed animal activities have the potential to cause harm, be invasive, and/or may materially alter the biology, behavior, or ecology of the animals in this study. **Therefore, a full research protocol is necessary for IACUC review and approval.**

Reviewed by Attending Veterinarian:

Dr. Janet Welter DVM, MPH, Ph.D.
OR Designee _____

Date:

Reviewed by Animal Research Safety Manager

Ms. Carrie Ensrud BS, MBA
OR Designee _____

Date: