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## ***SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING***

### ***NONGAME WILDLIFE SPECIES ONLY***

***DO NOT SUBMIT THIS RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ANY SPECIES OTHER THAN NONGAME SPECIES (do not include game species, freshwater fish, marine fish and/or shellfish). CONTACT THE CORRECT SECTION WITHIN NJ FISH & WILDLIFE FOR ALL OTHER PROPOSED SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ACTIVITIES.***

***Submission of this RENEWAL application does not indicate approval - No collection activities are authorized until the permit is issued.***

**New Jersey Fish and Wildlife (NJFW) may deny issuance of a permit to an individual or business that has received a notice of violation, violation, or been convicted by NJFW.**

**Please submit your permit application no less than 30-days before it is needed.**

**Please note text in red font is new or clarifying information. Please read carefully.**

In an effort to minimize disturbance and avoid possible violation of the NJ Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act (N.J.S.A. 23:2A-1 through 13) during field activities by you and your subpermittees, the Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP) is clarifying the requirements of the collecting permit. This includes conditions that will help Law Enforcement personnel and other regulatory agencies to distinguish between permittees and non-permittees, thus allowing them to concentrate their efforts on illegal activities. These conditions will be/amended to your permit. Additional requirements and reiterations of established conditions are as follows:

1. Confirm you are applying for the necessary permit(s):
  - a. A Scientific Collecting Permit is for persons conducting research on indigenous wildlife that may require temporary possession of the animal, however possession under this permit is limited as follows: "Temporary possession" includes handling animals in the field (e.g., removing from traps, biological processing, banding/marking, relocating from construction sites) and releasing them on site. It does not include removal from the field unless the animal is sick or injured and in need of medical attention. In such instances, a person may hold an indigenous species that is injured, ill, or orphaned for up to 24 hours with or without a Scientific Collecting Permit, provided that a licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator is notified of such holding and arrangements are made to transfer the animal to a licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator within the 24-hour period. Where holding animals is required to carry out studies covered under a Scientific Collecting Permit, the ENSP *may* waive the Holding Permit requirement in favor of detailed conditions contained in the Collecting permit.
    - 1) **For invertebrate** surveys, handling, and research, a Scientific Collecting Permit is only required if it meets one of the following criteria:
      - a) The project targets State-listed species (<https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/wildlife/endangered-threatened-and-special-concern-species/>).
      - b) The project targets Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN, listed within the most current version of NJ's State Wildlife Action Plan; [[https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensp/wap/pdf/wap\\_sgc\\_n\\_list.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensp/wap/pdf/wap_sgc_n_list.pdf)]) or other nongame invertebrates **and** the work will be conducted on Department Lands.

- c) The project or proposed work will be conducted on any lands in the state and employs methodologies that could potentially impact State-listed species even if they are not the target species. Examples of these methods include rakes or dredges in aquatic habitats that could capture or dig up native freshwater mussels.
  - 2) Any permit inquires related to Marine Invertebrate Research should be directed to [Heather.Corbett@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Heather.Corbett@dep.nj.gov). If you have any questions related to the need for a permit please contact [Robert.Somes@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Robert.Somes@dep.nj.gov) for Insect related questions or [Alex.Kisurin@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Alex.Kisurin@dep.nj.gov) for Freshwater Mussel and Crayfish related questions **prior to submitting a permit application and payment.**
  - b. A Scientific Holding Permit that is related to research and surveys required as part of NJDEP land use permit applications allows persons to hold indigenous animals long-term for experimentation, conservation, or observation. Such a permit would enable persons to hold animals in captivity under suitable conditions, following Fish & Wildlife-approved decontamination and/or quarantining procedures, and employment of experienced caretakers. Long-term “holding” includes holding animals awaiting procedures that require sedation and recovery (e.g., transmitter implantation), awaiting females to lay "eggs or give birth” to process and mark young, and cold-starting and head-starting studies. Where holding animals is required to carry out studies covered under a Scientific Collecting Permit, the ENSP *may* waive the Scientific Holding Permit requirement in favor of detailed conditions contained in the Collecting Permit. Holding Permits are obtained through the Wildlife Permits Unit, <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/wildlife/exotic-and-nongame-wildlife-permit-applications/>.
2. Guidance on applications for Scientific Collecting Permits (SCP).
    - a. **Beginning with SCPs issued for 2025 activities, all permits to conduct wildlife-related work required to fulfill land use permit pre-applications or applications with NJDEP, the Pinelands Commission, or the Highlands Commission (e.g., surveys, traplines, radio-telemetry, etc.) and/or on-going maintenance (e.g., monitoring), will require the land use permit applicant (i.e., landowner or land leasee) and their consultant(s) to be co-permittees on Scientific Collecting Permits. All co-permittees will be required to sign this application in agreement to the abidance and enforcement of the permit conditions for all personnel once the permit has been issued. Landowners and land leasees signing in agreement to the permit conditions are also agreeing to allow NJDEP personnel access to the project’s identified properties while the permitted activities are being conducted and/or outdoor equipment remains in place.**
    - b. A permit is required for each project and/or property when the purpose of the Scientific Collecting Permit is to meet or conform with NJDEP, the Pinelands Commission, or the Highlands Commission regulatory requirements (e.g., required surveys or construction monitoring for regulated species) and for surveys where the target species groups (e.g., birds vs. snakes vs. turtles) are unrelated. For example, working as a monitor for Utility Company X on their right-of-way statewide would require one SCP. Working as a monitor for that company AND conducting regulated species surveys – jobs that entail different activities, potentially different personnel, and therefore, a different set of permit conditions – would require two (2) SCPs. Similarly, the same types of surveys conducted for regulated species on different land parcels with different property owners/leasees would require separate SCPs for each property and/or land owner/land leasee.
    - c. A permit is required for each research project for which the objectives and/or target species are unrelated. For example, researchers conducting bird banding at multiple locations would require one (1) SCP. If those same researchers plan to mark reptiles at those same locations, they will need a second SCP.
  3. Applications for Scientific Collecting permits **MUST** include the following:
    - a. Purpose of study: Overarching conservation objective that meets NJDEP regulatory requirement for a beneficial effect on the species, the public welfare, or the environment [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.6(a)8].
    - b. Thorough description and explanation of project including but not limited to:
      - 1) All techniques, materials and collection methods must be thoroughly described and referenced (if applicable). If proposing VHF radio-telemetry, please provide the number of frequencies you will need, the life of the proposed frequencies (e.g., 1-year, 2-year, etc.), and see condition # 5 below.
      - 2) Proposed dates of the proposed activities.
      - 3) Identifying the proposed permittee or co-permittees, if applicable, and subpermittee(s), their assigned tasks, and their experience and capability to safely conduct the assigned task(s). Volunteers that will actively participate in any of the proposed activities must be listed as subpermittees. Volunteers that will record data or observe activities and will **not** handle wildlife are not required to be listed on the permit but

will be held to all permit conditions including but not limited to safety procedures, decontamination, and species location confidentiality.

- 4) Vehicle license plates for all permittees, co-permittees, and subpermittees. Please note, this information will be shared with NJ Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement.
  - c. **Proposed study site locations:** Exact descriptions, maps, and GIS shapefiles or KML files of area(s) where the permittee(s), co-permittees, and subpermittees will be conducting each proposed activity. For private lands, include the boundary of the property.
    - 1) When implementing snake-focused traplines and/or shelter boards to meet land use pre-application/application requirements and/or in preparation to submit a land use pre-application/application to NJDEP, the Pinelands Commission, or the Highlands Commission, also submit GIS shapefiles of the proposed locations for these items (with identification numbers/characters entered into the attribute table) with the Scientific Collecting Permit application with the understanding these locations may shift (slightly) once installation begins. Final locations must be submitted to the ENSP with the annual report and/or data submittal using the same format previously described.
    - 2) Entrance to any land by permittees, co-permittees, and sub-permittees must be with the prior permission of the landowner or managing governmental agency.
    - 3) Every effort must be made to preserve natural habitats during research and collecting activities.
  - d. Justification for permit approval must be thoroughly defined and explained in writing, that is, how necessary is the research, the objectives, possible physical impacts the study might have on the site and its wildlife, and most importantly, the value of the study relative to the conservation and management of the wildlife being collected or manipulated, especially in the case of self-initiated studies and endangered or threatened species work.
4. When permittees, co-permittees, and subpermittees are in the field, unauthorized persons **SHALL NOT** be included in collecting and research activities. Unauthorized people may not take or attempt to take wildlife or participate in collecting activities, and when activities occur on public lands, *may* be restricted from locations on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the ENSP. If unauthorized persons are found to be involved in collecting activities, they may be found to have violated the law and be subject to a penalty starting at \$25,000 (N.J.S.A. 23:2A-10). In addition, the permittee(s) and co-permittee(s) may be subject to penalty/fine and revocation of the permit.
  5. If VHF radio-telemetry will be used in your study, the ENSP must be notified in writing prior to the start of the study so the study and transmitter frequencies can be assigned by the ENSP. Use of unauthorized frequencies could result in fines, penalties, and/or possible revocation of your permit/permits. ENSP recommends applicants not purchase transmitters until frequencies have been assigned. Submit requests for transmitter frequencies through: [scientificcollectingpermits@dep.nj.gov](mailto:scientificcollectingpermits@dep.nj.gov).
  6. Any type of traps and shelter boards utilized must be tagged or labeled with the current Scientific Collecting Permit number as well as a contact name and telephone number. Traps and shelter boards that have not been authorized through a current permit may not be used in collecting activities and are subject to removal and disposal without notice.
  7. There can be **NO** variations in activities/subpermittees/locations/conditions, etc. once a permit is issued. Any new sites, activities, subpermittees, conditions, etc. must be requested **IN WRITING**. **If an amendment is requested after a Scientific Collecting Permit is issued, a \$5.00 processing fee will be required for each amendment. A minimum two-week notification is required, in writing, prior to any amended permit being issued. Each check submitted must include the Scientific Collecting Permit number(s).** Submission of a request for an amendment does not constitute Endangered and Nongame Species Program approval.
  8. Any sightings of New Jersey Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern wildlife must be reported to the NJ Fish and Wildlife, Endangered & Nongame Species Program. **When not directed otherwise** to submit data in a particular format or via a particular computer program (e.g., Excel), observations should be submitted via the NJ Wildlife Tracker\* web application found on NJ Fish and Wildlife's Reporting Rare Wildlife Sightings website: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/reporting-rare-wildlife-sightings/>

\*Note, permittees submitting data through NJ Wildlife Tracker must also submit a summary report by January 31 of the following year to NJ Fish and Wildlife, Endangered & Nongame Species Program of the observations entered including species observed, date of observation, and name of the observer.

9. The collection (including handling and temporary holding) of wildlife that appear on the New Jersey Endangered Species List or the List of Regulated Nongame Wildlife is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** unless authorized in writing from New Jersey Fish and Wildlife, Endangered and Nongame Species Program.
10. Any observation of illegal collecting should be reported immediately to the appropriate Law Enforcement Office (see below) with as much relevant information (license plate numbers, location, date, time, etc.) as possible.
11. Unless otherwise authorized or directed by the ENSP, final reporting of data authorized to be collected and noted through a Scientific Collecting Permit must be submitted to New Jersey Fish & Wildlife, Endangered & Nongame Species Program at [ScientificCollectingPermits@dep.nj.gov](mailto:ScientificCollectingPermits@dep.nj.gov) by January 31 for the preceding calendar year ending December 31 using ENSP's most current version of the Biotics Database Excel template unless otherwise directed by the ENSP. Prior to submitting data, all permittees shall convert the Excel data to a map (via GIS shapefile or other program) to review and confirm that locations are accurate. On a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of ENSP personnel, permit holders may be asked to provide a summary of their field observations and/or assessment of study, equipment and materials used, etc.
12. In addition, a copy of a published article that results from a study shall be supplied to ENSP at the email address above.

**NEW JERSEY FISH AND WILDLIFE BUREAU OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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<b>NORTHERN REGION OFFICE</b> 26 RT 173 West Hampton NJ 08827 <i>Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties</i>	PHONE: (908) 735-8240 FAX: 1-908-735-5689
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<b>CENTRAL REGION OFFICE</b> 1 Eldridge Road Robbinsville NJ 08691 <i>Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean counties</i>	PHONE: (609) 259-2120 FAX: 1-609-259-7479
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<b>SOUTHERN REGION OFFICE</b> 220 Blue Anchor Road Sicklerville, NJ 08081 <i>Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties</i>	PHONE: (856) 629-0555 FAX: 1-856-629-5044
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# **SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING**

## **NONGAME WILDLIFE SPECIES ONLY**

### **2025 RENEWAL APPLICATION & ANNUAL REPORT**

NO SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED IN NEW JERSEY BEFORE YOUR PERMIT APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH CORRECT PERMIT FEE, YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED, AND A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. *ALL NEW JERSEY UNAUTHORIZED SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES, FINES AND/OR POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF YOUR PERMIT.*

A MINIMUM OF FOUR WEEKS IS REQUIRED to process a Scientific Collecting application. An amendment REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS to process (if approved). Amendment requests must be received in writing. A \$5.00 amendment fee (per amendment) is required PRIOR to any changes on your permit.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN FULL - TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY - ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. IF THIS APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES PROGRAM.

ONLY USE THIS RENEWAL IF YOU HAVE BEEN ISSUED A PREVIOUS YEAR PERMIT. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED A PREVIOUS YEAR PERMIT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN INITIAL APPLICATION WHICH IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON NJ FISH & WILDLIFE'S WEBSITE: [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)

\*\*\*\*Your 2025 Scientific Collecting Permit and accompanying information will be emailed to you when processed, so please be sure that your email address is correct. No hard copies will be mailed.\*\*\*\*

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**                      RENEW THIS PERMIT                      DO NOT RENEW THIS PERMIT

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** An Annual Report is required even if you are not renewing. If you are not renewing, DO NOT SUBMIT FEE.

**2024 SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT NUMBER: SC 2024** \_\_\_\_\_  
*2024 Permit Number MUST BE SUPPLIED*

**PLEASE SEE 2.a IN THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.**

**NAME of proposed PERMITTEE or, if applicable, CO-PERMITTEE #1 (primary consultant/  
environmental contractor)**

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code with Extension \_\_\_\_\_

NJ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle License Plate State/No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\*\*

SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION NAME OR COMPANY AFFILIATION *(If applicable)*

SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION OR COMPANY ADDRESS *(MUST BE PROVIDED)*

Street

City

State

Zip Code with Extension

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If this permit application is to conduct work required to fulfill a land use permit pre-application or application and/or on-going maintenance activities, please see instruction 2.a (above) and provide the necessary information for the proposed co-permittee(s).

**NAME of proposed CO-PERMITTEE #2 (the land-use permit applicant, i.e., landowner or land-leasee)**

ADDRESS

Street

City

State

Zip Code with Extension

NJ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\*\*

COMPANY AFFILIATION

COMPANY ADDRESS *(MUST BE PROVIDED)*

Street

City

State

Zip Code with Extension

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME of proposed CO-PERMITTEE #3 (subcontracted consultant/ environmental contractor)**

ADDRESS

Street

City

State

Zip Code with Extension

NJ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle License Plate State/No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\*\*

COMPANY AFFILIATION

COMPANY ADDRESS (MUST BE PROVIDED)

Street

City

State

Zip Code with Extension

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST CREDENTIALS of PERMITTEE/CO-PERMITTEES** - Professional title, name, and professional function of agencies which applicant represents.

Permittee/Co-permittee # 1

Co-permittee # 2

Co-permittee # 3

## PROPOSED SUBPERMITTEES

Provide names, complete work address, cell and work telephone numbers, vehicle license plates' states/numbers, and their assigned tasks. *Note, if a subpermittee is performing a unique task that requires specific skills, such as transmitter implantation or external attachment, pit-tagging, bird or bat banding, etc., please provide **a brief description** of their experience/credentials. (***Attach additional sheets as needed.***)*

\*All subpermittees must be listed on your current, corresponding federal permit/permits (if applicable).

**Subpermittee # 1:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks

Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned tasks

Subpermittee # 2:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
Assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Subpermittee # 3:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
Assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Subpermittee # 4:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
Assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Subpermittee # 5:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
Assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks \_\_\_\_\_



Subpermittee # 6:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks

Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned tasks

Subpermittee # 7:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks

Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned tasks

Subpermittee # 8:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks

Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned tasks

Subpermittee # 9:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work (or home) address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Experience/credentials w/ assigned tasks

Vehicle license plate (State/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned tasks

***PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF CURRENT, APPLICABLE PERMITS INCLUDING STATE & FEDERAL USDA, U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, ETC.***

***IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN A VALID AND UPDATED FEDERAL PERMIT WHEN DEALING WITH MIGRATORY BIRDS. A NJ STATE PERMIT FOR ANY ACTIVITY CONCERNING MIGRATORY BIRDS MUST BE ISSUED WITH A CURRENT CORRESPONDING FEDERAL PERMIT. ATTACH A COPY OF ANY CURRENT RELEVANT FEDERAL PERMITS YOU POSSESS, OR LIST THE FEDERAL PERMITS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR. USFWS permit information and application is online at <https://fwsepermits.servicenowservices.com/fws>.***

**IF YOUR FEDERAL PERMIT HAS EXPIRED, ARE YOU ATTEMPTING TO RENEW IT? PLEASE CHECK ONE:**                      YES                      NO                      N/A

**Current federal permit number:**

**Expiration Date:**

Work proposed to occur on state land also requires prior authorization with a Special Use Permit from the management agency. Permit applications can be found online at the NJ Fish & Wildlife website (<https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/wildlife-management-area-permits/#sup>) and the NJ State Parks & Forests website (<https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/docs/lsp-special-event-and-special-use-permit-application-2020.pdf>)

**VIOLATIONS:**

- 1) Has any prospective permittee, co-permittees, sub-permittees, or their affiliated companies or institutions received a notice of violation, violation, or been convicted from/by NJ Fish & Wildlife for a wildlife or fishing related violation?

Yes

No

## ANNUAL REPORT - REQUIRED

**PREVIOUS YEAR ACTIVITY (2024)** — PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING DETAILED INFORMATION ON SPECIMENS COLLECTED AND SPECIES' LOCATION DATA (see # 11 above). *THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION OR YOUR PERMIT WILL NOT BE RENEWED AND YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY OR FINE. YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RENEW YOUR PERMIT.*

**Note:** If no collection activity took place, a written report stating such must be submitted.

Include TOTAL number of INDIVIDUALS of each SPECIES collected and disposition of collected specimens. Provide exact collection locations for each individual through ENSP's data submittal process specified for this permit. **Prior to submittal, please confirm the locations by reviewing them in GIS or review of mapped locations.** *If VHF radio telemetry equipment was used in the study, please provide transmitter frequencies in your report. If specimens are no longer being collected but some are still in the field with active transmitters, the frequency numbers, approximate locations, and estimated time of transmission failure must be included in your annual report/summary. Note, the PERMITTEE is responsible for retrieving transmitters from animals, particularly implanted transmitters, and as such, will require a Scientific Collecting Permit to perform such activities in the subsequent season regardless of the status of the project. (Add additional sheets as necessary)*

## **ANTICIPATED CURRENT YEAR SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ACTIVITIES**

*(Add additional sheets as necessary)*

**DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE, NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE COLLECTION OF REGULATED WILDLIFE AND THE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE ACTIVITY.** Be specific and indicate any anticipated mark/release activities.

\*\*\*The New Jersey Fish & Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program will determine if proposed radio telemetry work or collecting activities involving Endangered and Threatened Species may occur. Such review may lengthen the approval process of your application. For further information about radio telemetry contact the Endangered and Nongame Species Program at (609) 292-9400.\*\*\*

**OBJECTIVE(S):**

**NEED:**

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**PURPOSE/CONSERVATION VALUE** *(Describe in detail how the proposed activities will meet the NJDEP regulatory requirement of having a beneficial effect on the conservation of the target species and/or their habitats, the public welfare, or the environment.):*

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**JUSTIFICATION** *(see application instructions # 3.d):*

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**COLLECTION LOCATION(S)** - Describe the exact location/locations (including street names, cities, counties, landmarks, etc.) where the collection activity will occur. Be specific. Include maps if applicable, include GIS shapefiles for all work pertaining to land use applications. ***It is your responsibility to obtain prior written permission from the landowner/owners or managing governmental agencies; to notify them of your intended activities and obtain permission from the property owner(s)/manager(s) to be on-site.***

***\*\*See application instructions # 3 for additional guidance.***

**SPECIES AND NUMBERS TO BE COLLECTED** - Indicate species, include **common name**, scientific name and total number anticipated to be collected for the study. Accurate estimates required.

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**COLLECTION TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT TO BE USED, ETC.** Include references from literature. If radio-telemetry equipment will be used, describe equipment in detail and specify the anticipated transmitter frequencies to be used. If transmitted animals will remain “in the field” with active transmitters – the frequency numbers, approximate locations, and estimated time of transmission failure must be included. *(Important note: use of radio-telemetry equipment is strictly regulated by Fish and Wildlife and must be approved by Fish and Wildlife **prior** to any activities. Contact the ENSP to request assigned frequencies, [kris.schantz@dep.nj.gov](mailto:kris.schantz@dep.nj.gov).)*

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**COLLECTION DATES** - Define the anticipated dates of Scientific Collection activities.

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**DISPOSITION OF SPECIMENS** - Describe the anticipated sites regulated wildlife will be released back into the wild and/or the name and address of facility where specimens will be deposited.

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**SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ACTIVITIES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED  
UNTIL CURRENT NEW JERSEY STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS  
(IF APPLICABLE) HAVE BEEN ISSUED**

Additional permits are required to salvage regulated nongame wildlife and nongame migratory birds.  
For more information, contact the ENSP.

**RENEWAL DUE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2025**

**FEE: \$22.00 per PERMIT**

**SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY**

**(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MUST HAVE COMPLETE NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT)**

**Make payable to: NJ Fish and Wildlife**

I hereby affirm that I have read this application and shall comply with all New Jersey wildlife regulations. I hereby affirm that the information provided by me and/or my company, organization, or institution on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any representation that I know or reasonably should know is false, and upon which the NJ Department of Environmental Protection depended to issue a permit or take any other action, shall subject permittees, co-permittees, and their companies/institutions to all penalties available under State law, including revocation of any permit obtained based upon false information. All permits issued are valid only when used by the permittee/co-permittees in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and the regulations governing that permit. **By signing and dating this application, I acknowledge and shall comply with all of the permit conditions and applicable regulations.**

**Proposed PERMITTEE or CO-PERMITTEE # 1 (primary consultant/environmental contractor):**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
*MUST BE PROVIDED*

**IF APPLICABLE:**

**Proposed CO-PERMITTEE # 2 (the land-use permit applicant):**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
*MUST BE PROVIDED*

**Proposed CO-PERMITTEE # 3 (subcontracted consultant/environmental contractor):**

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