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Dr. Anthony DeNicola
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Dear Dr. DeNicola:

On January 4, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued you a Scientific Collector's Permit (SC 1600). On October 31, 2017, you requested an amendment to that permit.

This letter is the official attachment to your Scientific Collector's Permit (**SC 1600**). This letter supersedes your original approval issued in 2017. Your permit is issued in the *research category* only. In addition to any requirements and conditions listed within this amended attachment to the permit, all requirements and conditions listed on the front and back of the permit form and within the Information Circular for Scientific Collector's Permits shall apply to this permit.

Research Specifications:

1. The purpose of this permit is to examine different management techniques to control the overabundance of white-tailed deer in the City of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County, Michigan.
2. A written letter of authorization from an appropriate City of Ann Arbor employee or representative must be provided to White Buffalo Inc. and to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Division Permit Specialist prior to starting research activities outlined below.
3. Pre-baiting will be permissible after December 12, 2017.
 - Your original permit authorized you to capture and sterilize up to 80 female white-tailed deer total within the area described in the permit and attachments. You reported that 54 female white-tailed deer were captured and sterilized in 2017. Under this amended permit, you are delegated the authority to capture by tranquilization and sterilize up to 26 female white-tailed deer as allowed under the conditions of this amended permit. The Department recommends, based on your observations and expertise, that you complete your sterilization activities in areas 1 and 2 to meet your objectives prior to beginning sterilization efforts in area 3.

- Female deer may be captured from January 2nd through January 15th, 2018. In accordance with the letter of authority submitted with the application submitted in December of 2016 and the amendment requested October 31, 2017. Once captured they may be transported to a temporary veterinary surgical site for sterilization.
- You must notify local law enforcement, DNR law enforcement, and the local biologist at least 24 hours prior to shooting activities.
- All female deer sterilized must be returned near the site of capture.
- One adult doe per group may be radio-collared and all female deer sterilized must be affixed with ear tags.
- In addition to the surgical procedure outlined in the letter of authority, additional analgesic medications must be available in order to appropriately ensure the animal's well-being should unexpected trauma occur during surgery.
- Sharpshooting of up to 250 deer may commence no earlier than January 2nd and must conclude by the end of January 31st.
- Any applicable federal or state laws regarding firearm use must be followed.

All Sharpshooting protocols described in Appendix A must be followed.

- All proper Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Tuberculosis (TB) disease protocols must be followed to prevent the spread of disease. Therefore, all deer heads must be submitted to the DNR, Wildlife Disease Lab for testing (517-336-5030) and CWD testing. Each deer must be affixed with the proper CWD disease tag. Facilitation of this process will be done by the Deer, Elk, and Moose Management Specialist Chad Stewart (517-284-4745).
 - All deer taken to a processor must be confirmed negative for CWD prior to distribution of meat for consumption.
4. Monitoring will take be done by White Buffalo to determine the impact of sterilization and sharpshooting efforts on the deer population, per your original proposals guidelines.
 5. You must submit an annual report of your activities and any preliminary findings to the DNR by **December 31** of each year. You must also submit a comprehensive final report to the DNR by **March 31, 2020**.
 6. The following are approved subpermittees under this permit: Dr. Steven Timm, Vickie DeNicola, Dr. Nathan Kotschwar, Ryan Rodts, Sam Freiderichs, Benjamin Nolan, and City of Ann Arbor Municipal Staff assigned to baiting. You must obtain written approval from the DNR Permit Specialist prior to adding subpermittees.

It is not legal to keep or sell any of the parts of deer taken during this research project.

This permit does not authorize trespass. A separate *use permit* may also be required if you are working on state land or public boat launches. A use permit for state land is issued by the local land manager.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at the number below.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Casey M. Reitz in cursive.

Casey M. Reitz, Permit Specialist
DNR-Wildlife Division

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