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MEMORANDUM

TO: Scientific Collections Permit Coordinator

FROM: Kim Scribner

RE: Jim Leafloor's qualifications for proposed research

Please accept this letter in support of the application by Dr. Jim Leafloor for a scientific collection permit. I am pleased to be working in collaboration with Jim and others on this project, which involves genetic sampling of cackling geese and Canada geese across North America. We have worked cooperatively in the past and I can speak with authority to Jim's research credentials and professional integrity.



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The proposed research will provide critical information that will better delineate population and species distributional boundaries. Jim has the necessary experience to conduct this work properly, with minimal impact to the goose populations in question, or to the environment. He has worked extensively in the field across large sections of northern Canada, including areas to be sampled in this project. He has made extensive collections of scientific data, including sampling for genetic analyses as proposed in this study, both for himself and for collaborative work we have conducted together. Jim has published extensively on data collected in the context of his past field research, and is held in high regards by his colleagues. You can be assured that the proposed research will be conducted properly.



Kim Scribner
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