

A Brief Introduction to the Complexities of Working with Multiple Agencies to Conduct Wildlife Animal Use Activities

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Focal Points

- Overview of the Different Levels of Agency/Entity Bureaucracy Concerning Wildlife Animal Use Protocols
- Wildlife Animal Use Activities (WAUAs) in the United States: State and Federal Perspectives
- WAUAs: Academic and Private Sector Perspectives
- WAUAs: The International Perspective
- Why is This Important?

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- **The United States: State Level**
 - State Wildlife Agencies
 - Management (Conservation, Disease, Permitting, and Population)
 - Research
 - Education/Outreach
 - “Primary/First Level” of Bureaucracy for WAUAs



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- **The United States: Federal Level**
 - Federal Wildlife Agencies
 - Department of the Interior: **NPS**, **USFWS**, BLM, USGS
 - Department of Commerce: **NOAA**
 - Somewhat more focused, targeted oversight
 - Territorial exemptions vs. States: NPS
 - Taxonomic exemptions vs. States: USFWS and NOAA



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- **Academia**

- No management authority
- Conservation & Research

- **Private Sector**

- No management authority
- Conservation & Research



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- **International:**

- Compliance with all WAUA regulations
- Compliance with travel and work regulations
- Compliance with Pharmaceutical Regulations
- Country/Countries of Origin *and* Host Country/Countries



Why Is This Important?

- Imperative that any WAUA protocol:
 - Be conceived with state, federal, institutional (academic and/or private sector), and (if applicable) international regulations.
 - WAUAs that involve the capture, handling, sampling, etc. often require oversight and permissions from multiple (and at times disparate) agencies/entities.

