

**Special Activity Permit for Academic Research  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Wilmington District**

Special Activity Permit for academic research issued in accordance with Section 1047 and 1048 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014) as implemented through Engineer Circular 1130-2-550, Chapter 9.

Permit Number: 2017 OP-LK-001

USACE Project: John H Kerr Reservoir

Study Name: North Carolina Candid Critters

Principal Investigator (Permittee): Dr. Roland Kays

Organization: North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

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Purpose: camera trap survey

Description: North Carolina's Candid Critters is a wildlife camera trap survey covering the entire state of North Carolina in partnership with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Study Location/s: various points on government property

Equipment: digital wildlife cameras

Permit Dates: July 1, 2017 to December 30, 2019

This permit applies to the activities of the above named permittee and their collaborators. The permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Applicable Laws and Regulations:** The permittee shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, lease conditions, and with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the state, county, and municipality wherein the activity is located, including, but not limited to, those regarding construction, health, safety, water supply, sanitation, use of pesticides, and licenses or permits to do research.

2. **Health and Safety:** The permittee is responsible for taking all reasonable health and safety precautions for the protection of life and property. The permittee will also comply with such additional safety precautions as directed by the Operations Project Manager.

3. **Environmental and Cultural impacts:** The permittee shall exercise due care in the use of the premises so as to minimize the impact on environmental and cultural resources. The permittee shall not remove or disturb, cause or permit to be removed or disturbed, any historical, archeological, architectural, or other cultural artifacts, relics, remains, or objects of antiquity. In the event such items are discovered on the premises, the permittee shall immediately notify the Operations Project Manager and protect the site and the material from further disturbance until clearance to proceed is received.

4. Public Use: Private use of the project lands will not preempt public use of project recreational resources not exclusively covered under this permit.

5. Non-Discrimination: Participation in the activity will be open to the general public without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age. Participation in the activity may be limited to members of the sponsoring group provided that the group does not unlawfully discriminate against participation in the activity on grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age.

6. Insurance: The permittee shall meet bonding, insurance, and other requirements as determined by the Operations Project Manager.

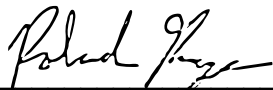
7. Damages: The permittee shall repair or replace any property of the United States government that is damaged or destroyed as a result of, or incidental to, the activity and shall restore the permitted area after the completion of the activity. Repairs and restoration shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Operations Project Manager.

8. Government Liability: The United States government is not responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which arise from or are incidental to the exercise of the privileges herein granted and shall be held harmless from any and all such claims.

9. Cancellation: the government reserves the right to refuse or cancel any activity or program at any time before or during the activity as determined by the Operations Project Manager, without liability to the government or its employees.

10. Special Conditions     None     See attached

I agree to abide by all terms and conditions of this Special Activity Permit for Academic Research:

  
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Permittee

5 July 2017  
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Date

Permit is hereby approved:

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Operations Project Manager

6 July 2017  
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Date

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USACE Project: John H Kerr Dam and Reservoir

Permittee: North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Dr. Roland Kays

### **Conditions:**

1. Only points approved by the USACE Operations Project Manager and the managing agency in leased areas will be utilized for the study.

2. The Permittee will coordinate directly with the State managing agencies regarding study points in State managed lease areas and obtain any required approvals from those agencies

3. The Permittee will provide copies of final study reports to the Operations Project Manager.

4. The permit does not provide authorization for use of points located on private property. The permit does not authorize crossing private property to access points on government property.

5. Cameras should not be attached to any structures associated with a private Shoreline Use Permit (docks, light poles, walkways, etc.)