

## **Purpose of Collection**

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) is tasked with conserving and sustaining the state's fish and wildlife resources. As such, a small collection of samples, including non-vouchered specimens for genetic analysis, is maintained by the agency for research purposes. All specimens have been acquired with valid permits and using ethical practices.

## **Loans**

1. Requests for specimen loans may be considered on a case-by-case basis by appropriate NCWRC staff according to the following criteria:
  - a. Requests must be made in writing by an authorized representative from the borrower institution, and
  - b. Requests should include a brief project proposal (or may be incorporated as part of a larger project proposal) that should include project objectives; potential scientific benefit, especially as pertains to North Carolina species and ecosystems; methodological description; timeline; researcher(s) qualifications; and list of samples requested.
2. If granted, borrowers shall agree to adhere to the following:
  - a. Loans will be processed by NCWRC staff,
  - b. Loans will be specified for a specific period of time, unless otherwise stated,
  - c. NCWRC will be acknowledged in any resulting publications or presentations,
  - d. Samples may not be redistributed to other researchers or other projects without written approval from NCWRC,
  - e. Borrower will provide copies of all required permits if applicable,
  - f. Borrower will be responsible for shipping costs, and
  - g. A written copy of the policy must be signed by both institutions before sample transfer occurs but may be included within a work contract.

## **Acquisitions**

1. Consideration for acquisitions will be handled on a case-by-case basis by appropriate NCWRC staff according to the following criteria:
  - a. Specimens represent important species for North Carolina conservation, management, or education goals and are consistent with the purposes of the NCWRC,
  - b. Specimens were collected using ethical guidelines and practices and with appropriate permits, and
  - c. Any limitations or restrictions on specimen use must be clearly stated in writing and agreed to by both parties.
2. All objects acquired will be accessioned into the database collection system.