



RESEARCH & COLLECTING PERMIT and LIABILITY WAIVER

PERMIT INFORMATION:

PERMITEE: _____

PERMIT NUMBER: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

PROJECT: _____

CONDITIONS:

The use authorized by this permit is conditional upon the Standard Conditions listed below and on any attached sheets. Failure to comply with any condition may result in cancellation of the permit.

Additional conditions and authorizations:

Permittee will provide the Conservancy with copies of all publications that contain and discuss the results of this project. Such publications may include a thesis or dissertation, journal and magazine articles, and in-house documents.

Manuscripts should be sent to the Conservancy’s Chief Conservation Officer in advance of initial submission and again, in advance of final submission after peer-review. The Conservancy requests a 15 day period to conduct its review in each case unless otherwise agreed.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER, YOU ARE ASSUMING ALL RISK AND RELEASING THE PARTIES IDENTIFIED BELOW OF ALL LIABILITY. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.

Permittee understands that in conducting activities pursuant to this permit, Permittee is at risk of being injured or killed as a result of terrain, wildlife and/or other conditions existing on Santa Catalina Island, through the Permittee’s own negligence, and/or as a result of the negligence of other persons. Permittee is fully aware of such risks, and hereby agrees to accept, assume, and take full responsibility for all loss, injury or death, regardless of whose acts, omissions or negligence causes or contributes to such injury. Permittee hereby releases and covenants not to sue the Released Parties (defined below) for any injury (including death) or loss or damage to property that Permittee may suffer as a result of, during, or in connection with his/her activities (whether or not authorized by this permit) or arising out of or resulting from any use of the roads and/or property of any of the Released Parties, unless such injury caused solely by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Released Parties. The Released Parties are: (i) Santa Catalina Island Conservancy; (ii) Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation; and (iii) their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, past, present or future (collectively, the “Released Parties”). This Release will be binding on the heirs, personal representatives and successors of Permittee and will benefit the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the Released Parties.

I have read, understand and agree to the terms of this permit and the waiver of liability.

Signature of Permittee: _____

Date: _____

Progress report due date: N/A

Reviewed by (please initial):

Permit issued by: Rebekah Rudy-Conservation Operations Coordinator

Signature: _____

Date:

STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. Permittee must be 18 years of age or older.
2. The permittee is authorized to engage in scientific research, collect specimens of organisms or natural objects, and/or engage in a project according to the conditions listed on this permit and in the project proposal that was part of the permit application. This permit and any attachments and/or amendments must be carried at all times while collecting. The permitted work may only take place on the private lands of the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy.
3. The permittee must follow all state and federal regulations on collection of wild plants and animals, including limits on taking and methods of taking. Permittee must have valid copies of any required state and federal permits.
4. This permit is issued only to the individual named above, and is not transferable. The permittee may have assistants, and these individuals are bound by the conditions of this permit.
5. Permittee must make arrangements with the Conservancy Conservation Department prior to engaging in any work under this permit.
6. Annual progress reports must be submitted to the Chief of Conservation until the project is completed. **Reports are due on the anniversary of the permit's starting date.** In addition, a brief exit report about the outcome of the field work should be submitted within 30 days of permit expiration. It is also required that a brief summary of your project be submitted for use on the Conservancy Web site. Photographs may be included with this summary.
7. Upon project completion, Permittee will submit a final report concerning project results. The report should include discussion of implications. *The Conservancy will hold all submitted documents and data for its own use and accordingly agrees not to publish or allow to be published any such document or its contents, or any such data, without the prior written consent of the Permittee.*
8. The permittee will provide the Conservancy with copies of all publications that contain and discuss the results of this project. Such publications may include a thesis or dissertation, journal and magazine articles, and in-house documents.
9. Reports, publications, and data should be submitted in both hardcopy and in a digital format acceptable to the Conservancy. In some cases, data may not be in digital form and should be submitted accordingly (e.g., tape recordings, photographs, video, recordings, maps, collections).
10. All waste and research equipment must be removed from the landscape as soon as its usefulness to the project has expired.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Regarding collaboration between academic programs, researchers and the Catalina Island Conservancy:

The Catalina Island Conservancy supports research and education as a critical part of its larger mission. Some of these activities require substantial collaboration between the academic groups or researchers and the Conservancy and these relationships should be seen as partnerships that strengthen the missions of both parties. For programs where the Conservancy permission or funding is required to accomplish the research or education goals, the Conservancy would like a clear understanding of the responsibilities of academic group or researcher for the public dissemination of information about the program, project or its results. The Conservancy requires acknowledgement and agreement of this policy as part of any approval to use its lands for research and education.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS - Researchers, contractors or classes working on Catalina Island Conservancy-related projects will collaborate or coordinate with the Conservancy's Chief Conservation and Education Officer in the preparation and production of manuscripts for submission to scientific journals. The Conservancy does not mandate authorship or content, merely the opportunity to comment. Manuscripts should be sent to the Conservancy's Chief Conservation and Education Office in advance of initial submission and again, in advance of final submission after peer-review. The Conservancy requests a 15 day period to conduct its review in each case unless otherwise agreed. This would give the Conservancy scientific staff the opportunity to review and offer comments or suggestions to the manuscripts. In all cases, the final

decisions about content rest with the authors. The Conservancy requires that the authors should respond to the conservancy with a description and justification for any of the changes that the Conservancy suggests that they choose not to incorporate in the papers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE MEDIA - Researchers working on Catalina Island Conservancy-related projects will collaborate with the Conservancy's Chief Conservation and Education Officer and Chief Communications Officer in the development of any and all information regarding said research for distribution to the media, or which could be obtained by the media. This includes but is not limited to all press releases or materials developed for electronic posting or for print to a wide audience which will be (1) conceived and developed with said Conservancy personnel or their designees, and (2) submitted in final form before distribution, posting or printing for review by said Conservancy personnel or their designees for accuracy. An authorized agent of the Conservancy may decline part, or all of this involvement at any time which researcher must hold in written form to exempt as a requirement.

GENERAL RULES

Permittee and associates shall comply at all times with the following rules except at such times when certain rules are waived to allow the work as set forth in this permit.

1. No overnight camping or backpacking is allowed except as specified in the permit.
2. All posted NO SMOKING regulations of Los Angeles County Fire Warden shall be strictly observed.
3. It is unlawful to litter or dump refuse on private property. Please use trash containers or where none are available, carry refuse out with you.
4. No fires are allowed at any time except as specified in the permit.
5. Tree cutting, wood gathering, plant collecting and removing or defacing in any way any natural or man-made feature, including archaeological sites, is prohibited except as specified in research proposal.
6. Do not disturb snakes or other wildlife. All plants and animals are protected. Many are found only in Catalina and are rare or endangered.
7. No firearms, traps or other hunting equipment (including air guns and bows and arrows) shall be possessed by anyone except as specified in the research proposal.
8. If motor vehicles are used, a road permit must be obtained from the Conservancy and vehicles shall be operated within the terms of the road permit.
9. Personal conduct of the Permittee and associates shall not be offensive to others.