

SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BATS

White Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease responsible for unprecedented mortality in hibernating bats in the eastern US. While WNS has not been reported in Nevada, this previously unknown disease has spread rapidly since its discovery in January 2007, and poses a considerable threat to hibernating bats through North America. How WNS spreads is still under investigation, and may include bat-bat transmission as well as bat-human-bat transmission.

Until transmission methods are fully understood, applicants are advised they will need to fully demonstrate full research need for any capture, handling or take of bats due to WNS concerns. Any permits approved will have full requirements to decontaminate for WNS as well as permit requirements to Contact a Department Office and demonstrate decontamination protocols *prior* to any handling of bats in Nevada.