



☒ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ☒

Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Damage Control Agents

FROM: Tammy L. Rundle

SUBJECT: Bat Exclusion

During this time of year bats are more frequently observed in occupied dwellings. Damage Control Agents are not allowed to issue depredation permits for bats, thus exclusion is the only allowable method for bat removal. We recommend that bats not be excluded during the period of May through July, or until such time as any juvenile bats become volant, for the following reasons:

- 1) Exclusion will keep out all adult flying bats, however will allow the young to remain in the dwelling.
- 2) Excluding adult bats could result in the death of the young bats.
- 3) The resulting nuisance associated with decaying bats carcasses could be worse for homeowners than having a colony in the first place.

We recommend that you assist the residents in securing the living space of the dwelling from bat entry. When the young are flight ready, exclusion techniques can then be used. After all bats have left, clean up can then begin. We recommend the use of the following safety equipment when cleaning up bat roosts:

- 1) Gloves
- 2) Facial Masks
- 3) Rubber Boots

When removing the bat droppings and carcasses, place them in a plastic bag and dispose of them in a land-fill or by burying them. The bat roost areas should be cleaned with a 10% bleach and water solution. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 919-707-0050.

Thank you.