

**RESEARCHER POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**  
**Seney National Wildlife Refuge**  
**1674 Refuge Entrance Rd.**  
**Seney, MI 49883**

The mission of Seney National Wildlife Refuge as described in the approved "Vision of the Future" statement is to:

*Maintain a complex mosaic of habitats that supports an array of both wetland and upland wildlife species. Plant succession will be actively managed to maintain a wide range of conditions. Prescribed fires and forest cutting will be utilized to replace the effects of wildfires in regenerating and maintaining fire dependent plant communities.*

Management at the Refuge originates from an ecological perspective, with substantial consideration of existing patterns and processes. While management for migratory waterbirds and other migrants remains of primary importance, attention is given to providing habitat for a wide range of species and communities and maintaining Refuge and regional biodiversity. Refuge staff members recognize the importance of research, and attempt whenever possible to accommodate projects investigating natural systems through observations or experiments. However, due to the Refuge's limited ability to support research, emphasis is placed upon work that directly relates to the management of the Refuge habitats and ecosystems.

The following questionnaire must be completed by the Principle Investigator (PI) to begin the process of approval for conducting research on Refuge (or satellite refuge) lands. This form should be sent to the Refuge Contact (for wetland work this person is Dave Olson, Refuge Biologist; for upland work this person is Greg Corace, Refuge Forester) **before March of the year in which the research is proposed.**

Section I pertains to research questions. Section II and areas within the header and footer of the document should not be addressed by the PI; they will be completed by Refuge staff.

Following preliminary approval of the questionnaire, the PI will be contacted and asked to provide a more detailed project proposal. This proposal should include sections addressing study background, problem, hypothesis, study design and methods. The Special Use Permit issued in acceptance of the proposal will contain provisions and limitations pertaining to the research activities; deviation from these guidelines may result in the permit being revoked. If a Refuge gate key is issued, a check for \$100 and made out to Seney NWR is required as deposit.

The Refuge also requires a yearly written update of work and, upon completion of projects, a final, detailed report. Additionally, a copy of any resulting peer-reviewed publication, dissertation, thesis or report must be provided to Seney NWR. Depending on the situation and the amount of support received from Seney, the Refuge may also request copies of all data in an acceptable database format, a poster, and/or a presentation by the PI or assigned party.

Refuge Research Coordinators:  
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**SECTION I**

**1. Date Form Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Date of Proposed Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Principle Investigator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Phone/Fax/E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Briefly describe research question/hypothesis:**

**9. Briefly describe research goals and objectives with time frame:**

**10. Is support requested from the Refuge?** \_\_\_\_\_

**11. If the answer to question number 10 was “Yes”, briefly describe:**

Brief Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ PI Last Name and Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Project End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Refuge Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number if Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION II

**1. Date this form was received:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. If support requested, list type (e.g., housing, vehicular support, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Date research support (e.g., housing, vehicular support, etc.) was given:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Miscellaneous items (e.g., keys, aerial photos) lent (use Property Form):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Date miscellaneous items returned:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Use the remaining space to describe any other needs/issues/problems (i.e., emergency contact information, medical needs, etc.):**

Brief Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ PI Last Name and Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Project End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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