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Comments on draft I-bat summer survey guidelines

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Thanks for considering.

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Draft Revised Indiana Bat Summer Su	18	In order to increase the chances of catching an Indiana bat, for mist net placement must be granted enough flexibility to target the best habitat and the best netting corridors possible. For instance, if the 1-mile buffer around positive acoustic sites only contains 15 good sites for netting, the remaining sites are marginal, and 32 net nights are required, then more flexibility should be granted for net placement. For optimal net sites (eg., >10 captures per night), more than two nights of netting at that location should be allowed. If prime net locations exist just outside the 1-mile buffer, netting at those locations should be allowed in order to capture as many bats as possible. Netting marginal sites and only capturing 1-2 bats a night is not an effective use of time and is less likely to produce the intended results: capturing an Indiana bat. This should be spelled out in Appendix C.