

**WORK PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2016-17
BETWEEN NWRC AND FARALLON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
AGREEMENT NUMBER: 16-7483-1249-IA, Rev 2**

I. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

USDA National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) will conduct a hazard study with captive salamanders to help estimate the potential hazard of anticoagulant rodenticides to arboreal salamanders. This information is needed for the environmental assessment of the proposed eradication of invasive house mice from the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge in California.

II. PLAN OF ACTION

NWRC will conduct the hazard study in an animal research room at NWRC, Fort Collins, Colorado. The salamanders will be collected from the mainland of California by a USFWS contractor who will ship them to NWRC for the study. If wild-caught salamanders are not available, they will be purchased from a commercial pet supplier. The study will be funded by the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge through a USFWS Interagency Agreement with NWRC. The study will be conducted during 2016-18 under an approved NWRC study protocol.

III. PRODUCT/DELIVERABLES

A preliminary report on the salamander–anticoagulant hazard study will be submitted to the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge by December 15, 2016 as required by the funding source. A final report on the salamander–anticoagulant hazard study will be submitted to the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge by March 31, 2018.

IV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. ACTIVITY REPORTS: NWRC will provide the cooperator preliminary and final reports at the middle and end of the study.
- B. FINANCIAL REPORTS: NWRC will bill cooperator quarterly.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Dates of applicable agreement: 9/16/16 – 3/31/18.

The research and report writing will occur between September 16, 2016 and March 31, 2018.