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Dear NJ Wildlife Rehabilitators, Apprentices and Subpermittees,

Mick Valent, Principal Zoologist - NJ Endangered and Nongame Species Program, has prepared and presented the following update regarding the status of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in bats to the Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee (ENSAC).

Given the range of knowledge and expertise among rehabilitators and apprentices, we have chosen to forward both the basic update information as well as the more technical information. Please feel free to pass this information along to your wildlife veterinarians.

Those rehabilitators that have received bats this year, and therefore followed the USFWS draft Rehabilitator Protocols, are asked to review the document and make any comments/suggested edits/recommendations. Please use track changes in Word, (document attached) and submit the document with your saved comments to Mick via e-mail at Mike.Valent@dep.state.nj.us . Your comments should be returned no later than October 5th if they are to be considered/incorporated into the final document.

Please continue to contact Mick if you have any questions or concerns regarding WNS.

Thanks again for all your efforts!

Sincerely,

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