**Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

**Project title:** Mapping habitat and diseases of urban carnivores

**Project Manager:** Dr. Nicholas McCann, Postdoctoral Associate, University of Minnesota (2017-present)

**Education:** Ph.D., Wildlife Sciences, Purdue University (2011); M.S., Biology and Minor in Applied and Computational Mathematics, University of Minnesota–Duluth (2006); B.S., Biological Aspects of Conservation, University of Wisconsin–Madison (2000).

**Project Management Qualifications:** Dr. McCann has conducted wildlife research for 17 years. Research experience includes using best practices to safely capture and process a wide range of medium-sized carnivores, including Canada lynx, American martens, bobcats, and fishers. Reporting experience includes co-authorship of 15 published scientific articles, 9 published reports, and 3 popular articles. Other experience includes training technicians, managing budgets, maintaining datasets, and delivering >40 presentations to scientific and public audiences.

**Previous employment:**

Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Wildlife Biologist (2014 to 2017). Worked with Tribal, State, and Federal agencies to manage natural resources in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Minnesota Zoo. Postdoctoral Researcher/Conservation Biologist (2012 to 2014). Designed, implemented, and published moose research with State, Federal, and University collaborators.

Iowa State University. Field technician (2003 to 2004). Captured, processed, and radio-tracked bobcats.

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Field technician (2002 to 2004). Captured, banded, and radio-tracked Tundra Swans, Wood Ducks, and Mourning Doves.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Intern and Technician (2000, 2002, and 2003). Captured, processed, and monitored Common Loons. Developed and implemented a nest predation study.

Rocky Mountain Research Station. Intern (2002). Conducted snowmobile track surveys for Canada lynx and other carnivores. Captured, processed, radio-tracked, and snow-tracked lynx.

Sea Turtle Conservancy. Research Assistant (2001). Conducted daytime track surveys for jaguars and nesting sea turtles, and trained volunteers, staff, and tourist guides.

**Project Manager Responsibilities for this Project:** Responsible for all phases of this project: study design; directing and participating in fieldwork; budget management; data management; management of biological samples; hiring, training, and supervising staff; contracting for professional services that support the project; directing completion of reports and scientific manuscripts; coordinating with project partners; developing project deliverables including updates and reports.

**Organization Description:** The University of Minnesota is the state's premier research university. As the state’s land-grant university, it has with a strong tradition of public service.