

## UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mark A. Emmert, President

July 13, 2007

Dean B. Bruce Bare College of Forest Resources Box 352100

Dear Bruce:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Standards, the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy has recommended approval of an option in Wildlife Conservation within the existing major in Environmental Science and Resource Management. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the College of Forest Resources is authorized to offer this option beginning autumn quarter 2007 and thereafter.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark

Mark A. Emmert

President

Enclosure

cc: Michelle Trudeau (with enclosure)

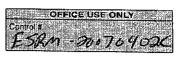
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

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# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



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#### **EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

Previously, Wildlife Science was a degree within the College. It averaged 55 students for a decade before being absorbed into the ESRM curriculum. Currently there are about 20 students affiliated with the Wildlife Science pathway. We believe that the drop in enrollment is due to reduced visibility of the program and the lack of a transcriptable degree. We expect that with the Wildlife Conservation option we would reclaim those 30 or so students. In fact, because the ESRM (Wildlife Conservation) option is more flexible than the old Wildlife Science degree, it is possible that we might exceed historical enrollments. This option requires no new courses, and all existing courses exceed enrollment minima. Because most professional employment requires a Master's degree, the Wildlife Conservation option is graduate school preparatory, hence the emphasis on quantitative skills. There are jobs for students with wildlife training in local, state, and federal agencies, consulting firms, NGOs, and of course academia.

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All requirements of ESRM will remain the same ex	cept:	,
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(See also attached option proposal from our curric	ulum committee.)	
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## **ESRM Option Proposal in Wildlife Conservation**

## 1. Proposed Option Title

Wildlife Conservation

## 2. Brief Rationale for the Option

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#### 3. Faculty Lead/Advisor

David Manuwal: Student advisor; instructor for ESRM 350 (Wildlife Biology and Conservation), ESRM 351 (Wildlife Research Techniques, shared)), ESRM 150 Wildlife in the Modern World, ESRM 456 (Biology and Conservation of Birds), ESRM 452 (Field Ornithology), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

### 4. Affiliated Faculty and Roles of Each

John Marzluff: Student advisor; instructor for ESRM 450 (Wildlife Ecology and Conservation), ESRM 458 (Management of Endangered, Threatened, and Sensitive Species), ESRM 459 (Wildlife Conservation in Northwest Ecosystems (shared)), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

Stephen West: Student advisor; instructor for ESRM 351(Wildlife Research Techniques, shared), ESRM 455 (Wildlife Seminar, shared), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

Kenneth Raedeke: Student advisor; instructor for ESRM 455 (Wildlife Seminar, shared), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

James Agee: Student advisor; instructor for ESRM 351(Wildlife Research Techniques, shared), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

John Skalski: Student advisor; instructor for QSCI 477 (Quantitative Wildlife Assessment)

Christian Grue: Student advisor; instructor for ESRM 455 (Wildlife Seminar, shared), FISH 455 (Fish and Wildlife Toxicology), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

Glenn VanBlaricom: Student advisor; instructor for FISH 475 Marine Mammalogy), ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

Joshua Lawler: Student advisor; contributions to course instruction to be determined, ESRM 494 (Senior Thesis Proposal), ESRM (Senior Thesis), ESRM 495 (Senior Project).

**5. Specific ESRM Courses Required for the Option**. (Course requirements for an option shall not exceed the 35-credit restricted electives specified in the upper level ESRM core course requirements. Recall that these are ESRM or PSE courses only; Q Sci by petition)

Please see the attached description of the Wildlife Conservation option.

# 6. Identify when each required course will be taught and by whom.

These are all existing courses:

ESRM 350 Wildlife Biology and Conservation: Manuwal; winter

ESRM 351 Wildlife Research Techniques: West, Manuwal, Agee; spring

ESRM 450 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation: Marzluff; winter

ESRM 455 Wildlife Seminar: West, Raedeke, Grue; autumn, winter, spring

ESRM/QSCI 477 Quantitative Wildlife Assessment: Skalski; spring

ESRM/QSCI 482 Statistical Inference in Applied Research I: various, autumn, winter, spring

ESRM/QSCI 483 Statistical Inference in Applied Research II: various, winter

# 7. Describe how the required capstone experience will be designed and administered.

Traditionally we have done the Senior Thesis Proposal and Senior Thesis sequence as a capstone for all wildlife students. This will continue as one alternative, one particularly well-suited for students wishing to attend graduate school. Another alternative would be a senior project, conducted by at least one wildlife faculty member and a group of students. Faculty and students may be able to identify appropriate group projects as logical outcomes of some courses within the Wildlife Conservation option. Particularly promising courses in this regard include ESRM 450, ESRM 458, and ESRM 459. Group projects will be designed cooperatively by faculty and students, and overseen by one or more faculty members. Faculty leadership will be a function of the project's focus. For both capstone options, students collaborate with one or more faculty members to develop a project (or thesis) proposal, conduct research, and prepare a written document in the style of a thesis or journal paper.

It is important to realize that Dr. Manuwal will be retiring in June 2008, although he plans to contribute to the program by offering ESRM 350 each year for five years. Josh Lawler has wildlife conservation expertise and is willing to contribute in various ways to the program, although he may affiliate more with another interest area, given his focus on landscape ecology.

Because present faculty members have accommodated wildlife science enrollments beyond 50 students, we don't see an overload situation in the near term. The future success of the CFR program in wildlife, however, will be closely tied to whether Dr. Manuwal is replaced in kind by another faculty member.

# 8. Suggested review and evaluation criteria for the option

Courses for the option exist now, so evaluative criteria for them will be the same as for all CFR courses. Evaluative criteria are being developed by the Curriculum Committee. We expect to have at least 50 students enrolled in the Wildlife Conservation option within 5 years. If enrollments remain at present levels, we may recommend dropping the option.

## **Environmental Science and Resource Management**

## **Option in Wildlife Conservation (ESRM-20070402C)**

#### **Tri-Campus Review Comments:**

## Comment by David Fluharty made 4/23/2007 10:55:20 PM

It seems that the main purpose of this proposal is to restore the visibility of the Wildlife Science pathway within the College. This may be laudable but there is little discussion of how this curriculum change relates to the UW interest in the Program on the Environment.

There does not appear to be any attention to the basics of wildlife management law or policy at the state or national level in terms of course preparation. What sort of jobs is it expected that student will be prepared to assume upon completion of this degree?

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Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 11:15:43 -0700
 From: Marcia Killien <killien@u.washington.edu>
 To: uwcr@u.washington.edu
 Cc: Robert Corbett <rcorbett@u.washington.edu>,
    Marcia Killien <killien@u.washington.edu>
Subject: FCTCP reviews for ESRM-20070402B/C/D - 2nd Attempt: FCTCP review
A subcommittee of FCTCP has reviewed these additional responses to comments on
the proposals for 1) ESRM-20070402B/C/D (new options in
Sustainable Forest Management, Wildlife Conservation, and Landscape Ecology and
Conservation) within the College of Forest Resources major in Environmental
Science and Resource Management. Thank you for forwarding them to us; we concur
that the proposals are now ready to be forwarded to the President's office for
approval.
---- Original Message ---- From: <uwcr@u.washington.edu>
To: <Killien@u.washington.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 2:10 PM
Subject: FCTCP reviews for ESRM-20070402B/C/D - 2nd Attempt
> Marcia,
> Please have FCTCP review the attached 1503's, comments, responses, checklists,
> other supporting documentation for 1) ESRM-20070402B/C/D (new options in
> Sustainable Forest Management, Wildlife Conservation, and Landscape Ecology
> and Conservation) within the College of Forest Resources major in
> Environmental Science and Resource Management.
> The College of Forest Resources has supplied responses per your request.
> Please let me know if you have any further questions.
> Jennifer
> UW Curriculum Office, Box 355850
                                    (206) 543-5938
> http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/
> New Course and Course Change forms are available on the Curriculum Office
> web site. Download them to your IBM computer and you can fill them out in
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# UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW PROCEDURES\*\* CHECKLIST

Title of Proposal: Undergraduate option in Wildlife Conservation (ESRM-
20070402C)
Proposed by (unit name): Forest Resources
Originating Campus:
X_UW, Seattle
UW, Bothell
UW, Tacoma
I. Phase I. Developed Proposal Review (to be completed by Originating Campus' Academic Program Review body)
A. Review Completed by: FCAS
Chaired by: George Dillon
04/13/07 Date proposal received by originating campus's review body
04/13/07 Date proposal sent to University Registrar
04/16/07 Date proposal posted & email sent to standard notification list
06/08/07 Date of originating campus's curriculum body approval (Note: this date must be 15 business days or more following date of posting)
B. 1 Number of comments received. Attach the comments and a summary of the
consideration and responses thereof : (1-2 paragraphs)
II. Phase II. Final Proposal Review (to be completed by FCTCP)
A. Review Completed by: x_FCTCP subcommittee FCTCP full council Chaired by: M. Killien
6/15/07 Date request for review received from University Registrar 7/9/07 Date of FCTCP report

B. Review

YES NO	
_x Was notice of proposal posted on UW Website for 15 business days? _x Was notice of proposal sent to standard mailing list 15 business days in advance academic program review? _x Were comments received by academic program review body? x Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary) _x Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt? x Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)	ce of
Summary:	
FCTCP notes that the comments made by Professor Fluharty were not address we would benefit from understanding FCAS's criteria for deciding that comments "not germaine or answered in the original form".  We note that typically FCAS or originating units request that the originating unit point out specifically where the issues were addressed in the original proposal or provide some rationale, and wonder why a different procedure followed in these proposals. We recommend that the originating unit be asked to provide a response to the comments and that those comments be forwarded with the proposal for final approval.	are
C. Recommendation	
<ul> <li>Forward for final approval</li> <li>Forward to Provost because of University issues (Explain)</li> <li>X Return to campus council because of insufficient review (Explain).</li> </ul>	
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