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Dear PIs (aquatic users)

One of the comments from AVA inspection of animal facilities conducted in March was as follows:

“We would like to remind that according to the NACLAR guidelines, all animals must be obtained from a licensed or otherwise legally permitted source. The investigator must seek approval from the IACUC prior to procuring fish, including eggs and larvae, from a different source. The IACUC must also monitor animal usage and ensure that animals are obtained from approved sources only”.

In order to be in compliance, IACUC would require all research animals, including fish, to be obtained through Comparative Medicine (CM).

The exception is animals caught from the wild for biodiversity studies. However, CM / IACUC must be informed of any movement of animals in and out of NUS, irrespective of where animals will be housed. Please consult CM if you need to house wild-caught animals in CM facilities.

Thank you.

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(Transmitted via email)