

# Langerhans Lab Protocols

**NC STATE UNIVERSITY**

## **How to import live fish from the Bahamas to Miami** **abiding by US regulations:**

1. Call Miami USFWS ahead of time to let them know you're coming and make sure everything is in order (305-526-2620 ext. 10). Miami is preferred because it is a designated port of entry for imported wildlife (others are found in "3-177ins.pdf").
2. Fill out a notification form ("Miami USFWS Notification Form.pdf"), fax this form to the USFWS in Miami at least 2 days prior to arrival in US (I suggest sending it before trip; fax to 305-526-7480).
3. Have fish packed in coolers that are clearly marked for "live fish" (can use printouts from "container labels.doc").
4. Fill out a Declaration Form 3-177 ("3-177-1.pdf"; be sure to use a current one), and have a copy of the Bahamas Research Permit with you; this is for clearing customs with the animals on the way back. In Nassau, you'll clear US customs there—just show them this form, along with the research permit, and they'll probably make a copy and send you on your way.
5. Have multiple copies of all forms on you, just in case.
6. Call USFWS when you land in Miami to let them know that you've arrived (305-526-2994; after hours cell: 305-632-4824; backup beeper: 841-0041). They can decide if a wildlife inspector wants to inspect the animals, but will likely tell you to simply mail them the declaration form and Bahamas research permit when you return to your final destination.

### **Information:**

[http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/Info\\_Importers\\_Exporters.htm](http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/Info_Importers_Exporters.htm)

### **Additional Contact Info for Miami USFWS:**

Phone: 305-526-2610 ext.11 or 21 (ext. 13 for Resident Agent-in-Charge)

Fax: 305-526-7480

Email for notification form if not faxed: [miami\\_wlinspectors@fws.gov](mailto:miami_wlinspectors@fws.gov) (subject line: 48 hours notification, date)

### **Best person there that Brian has dealt with:**

Inspector Bepler