

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Reed Ojala-Barbour
Recommenders Institution: Washington State Department
of Fish and Wildlife

Recommenders Title: Fish and Wildlife Biologist 3

Contact Name:
Wesley Bowens

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to
review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver
Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date:
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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant
without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108843685

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known
applicant:

Applicant ability as
self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with
applicant:

Applicant as productive
member of group:

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant
strengths:

Ability to complete rigorous
grad program:

Responsibility/reliability:

Communication Skills - Oral:

Communication skills -
written:

Service
Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to work independently:

Ability to handle stress:

Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem
solve:

Ability to think creatively:

Openness to feedback:

Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team:

Personal/professional
reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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Dear Graduate Admissions Committee:

I enthusiastically recommend Wesley Bowens for admission to the Master of Environmental Studies program. As a recent MES graduate myself, I was excited to hear about Wesley's interest in pursuing an MES degree because of his passion for science, conservation, and inquiry. I feel especially confident recommending Wesley because I have seen his commitment to quantitative data management, teamwork, and his passion for science communication.

I supervise Wesley as a Fish and Wildlife Biologist for the Washington State Department of Fish Wildlife working Type N Experimental Buffer Study. As part of his duties, he leads Scientific Technicians in the field collecting data on amphibian demographics and habitat characteristics. His enthusiasm for conservation biology is contagious among teammates as he consistently shares his knowledge of species natural history and ecological concepts.

Wesley stands out because of his drive for critical inquiry. When assigned a task, Wesley digs in to engage existing material and shares his new insights with teammates. Wesley is a conscientious leader and team member who looks out for his peers in a thoughtful way that far exceeded my expectations. He can delicately communicate critical feedback in constructive ways and is aware of his impacts on others. Whether under difficult field conditions that included rough terrain and adverse weather or in a dreary office cubical setting, Wesley methodically and closely follows survey protocols with a positive attitude. Additionally, Wesley is always timely and prepared for the day.

In summary, I recommend Wesley because of his passion for and commitment to scientific investigation, in particular as it relates to conservation. He has consistently demonstrated his ability to collect accurate and detailed data and his ability to effectively collaborate with team members. Further, his commitment to conservation biology and science communication makes me feel confident recommending him to the Environmental Studies Program.

I would be happy to answer any further questions that you may have about Wesley and his service to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Sincerely,

Reed Ojala-Barbour

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