

## Memorandum

**To:** MBL Course Directors and PIs

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**Subject:** Use of Fertile Bird Eggs

Over the past few years, and culminating with events of last year, the MBL IACUC has had a problem administering and supervising the ordering and use of fertile bird eggs. Often times, the numbers requested have large margins of error, erring on the excessive number side. Subsequently, this has necessitated the wholesale euthanasia of many dozens of unused eggs or the unauthorized transfer of surplus eggs to others. In addition, the presence of large