SCIENTIFIC DIVING AGREEMENT

Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you have read and agree to adhere to the regulations and procedures for scientific diving established detailed in the Walla Walla University Standards for Scientific Diving Manual. Please read this document carefully and direct any questions you may have to the Diving Safety Officer (DSO) or a member of the Diving Control Board before signing.

I understand that as a Scientific Diver or Scientific Diver-In-Training I must (please check each box on BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAGE):

☐ Read, understand, and adhere to the regulations and procedures in the Walla Walla University Standards for Scientific Diving Manual.

☐ Dive within my certification limits unless on a training dive with an authorized scientific diver.

☐ Refuse to dive, or terminate a dive, if any conditions are or become unfavorable.

☐ Report any unsafe practices to the DSO.

☐ Report all injuries and incidents to the DSO and proper authorities immediately, and seek appropriate treatment.

☐ Abide by basic safe diving practices, including but not limited to: listening intently to dive briefings and debriefings, following dive plans, maintaining proper buoyancy, never holding my breath, being proficient in dive table and/or computer use.

☐ Maintain personal dive gear correctly, including appropriate service requirements.

☐ Adhere to the buddy system on all scuba dives.

☐ Carry the appropriate equipment for every dive, including an alternate air source (octopus).

☐ Conduct functional checks of diving equipment (both mine and my buddy’s) prior to entry.

☐ Never ascend faster than 30 feet per minute on any dive.

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☐ Conduct a safety stop (3-5 minute stop at 15-20 feet) if appropriate.

☐ Terminate all dives with enough air in my tank to surface with at least 500 PSI.

☐ Ensure that I understand the proper emergency procedures for each dive that I undertake, and stay current in the use of First Aid, Emergency Oxygen, CPR, and AED.

☐ Never use Walla Walla University equipment for any purpose other than its intended and approved use.

☐ Not engage in dive activities in an environment with special conditions (such as an overhead environment or blue water diving) without express consent of the Diving Control Board.

☐ Understand that I can deviate from the requirements of the Walla Walla University Standards for Scientific Diving ONLY to the extent necessary to prevent or minimize a situation that is likely to result in death, serious physical harm, or major environmental damage.

Scuba diving has inherent risks. The ultimate responsibility for my safety rests with me. It is my responsibility and duty to refuse to dive if, in my judgment, conditions are unsafe or unfavorable, or if I would be violating the precepts of my training or the regulations of the Walla Walla University Standards for Scientific Diving Manual.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction.

Diver’s Name (please print) ________________________________

Diver’s Signature ________________________________

Today’s Date ________________________________