OSHA granted an exemption for scientific diving from commercial diving regulations under the following guidelines (Appendix B to 29CFR1910 Subpart T). This exemption identified a required level of training beyond recreational diving standards to ensure that all scientific diving is conducted in a manner that will maximize protection of scientific divers from accidental injury and/or illness.

Section 5.0 of the USC Dive Safety Manual (DSM) describes the training and performance standards for AAUS Scientific Divers. These standards represent the minimum required level of knowledge and skills presented in a generalized format.

I have read the scientific diver training requirements in Section 5.0 of the USC Dive Safety Manual?

____ Yes  ____ No

To complete the USC Scientific Diver application process I understand I must provide, and attach, proof of the following:

1. AAUS Medical Clearance   ____ Yes  ____ No
2. Current CPR/AED, First Aid & O2 Certification   ____ Yes  ____ No
3. DAN or equivalent dive medical insurance   ____ Yes  ____ No
4. Open Water Scuba Certification Card (or higher)   ____ Yes  ____ No
5. Regulator and BCD service records within the previous 12 months   ____ Yes  ____ No

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________________________  Date: ____________________

Starting Date of USC AAUS Scientific Diver Certification Course you are apply for: ______________________

Highest Scuba Certification Level: ___________________________  Agency_________________

If professional level rating, are you in active teaching status with current insurance?    ____ Yes  ____ No

Comments: ________________________________________________________________

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Diving Experience: (fill in number of dives in the following categories)

Total Number of life time dives: ________________  Total number of dives in the last 12 months: _________

0ft. –30ft. _______ 31ft. – 60ft. _______ 61ft. – 100 ft. _______ 101ft. – 130ft. _______ 130ft+_______

Deepest dive in the previous 12 months: _________________ ft.
Describe the environmental conditions for the majority of your dive experience:

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Describe why you have the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to continue training as a scientific diver:

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What are your future dive plans if you obtain your AAUS Scientific Diver Certification?
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Questions?
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I understand submission of course documents and participation in aptitude examinations during the above course will not automatically result in AAUS Scientific Diver certification. The applicant must convince the USC Diving Safety Officer that they are sufficiently skilled and proficient to be certified. This skill will be acknowledged by the signature of the USC Diving Safety Officer. Any applicant who does not possess the necessary judgment, under diving conditions, for the safety of the diver and their partner, may be denied organizational member scientific diving privileges. I have read and understand this Scientific Diver application. I understand the submission of a completed application does not constitute approval as a USC Scientific Diver in Training.

All of my questions and concerns have been answered by the DSO or designee to my satisfaction.

Diver’s Signature

Date

Diving Safety Officer Approval

Date

Diving Control Board Chairman Approval

Date