

LIST OF REFERENCES – HISTORY OF NYZS-WCS

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A. Laws pertaining to the incorporation and operation of NYZS

1. [Chapter 435 of the Laws of the State of New York 1895](#),
 - a. Incorporated the New York Zoological Society and provided for the establishment of a “zoological garden in the city of New York.”
 - b. Provides for an incorporating purpose and sets out admission fee and days of operation provisions.
2. [Chapter 146 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1902, amended Chapter 435](#).
 - a. Expands NYZS's purpose to include “zoological research and publication” and extends reach beyond New York City by providing that NYZS “may promote, form and cooperate with other associations with similar purpose...”
3. [Chapter 924 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1969, amended Chapter 435](#).
 - a. Limits NYZS by excluding “zoological research and publication” and obligation to provide “instruction and recreation” to New Yorkers.
 - b. Reduces free access from four to three days.
4. [Chapter 383 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1991, amended Chapter 435 and Chapter 924](#).
 - a. Notes that free access was “one” day a week though none of the Legislation Chapter 383 amended provide for one day. Provisions amended four days to three days.
5. [Section 18-127 of the New York City Administrative Code](#)
 - a. Authorized DPR to enter Agreements **only with NYZS** and **not** the WCS regarding PPZ, QZ and CPZ.

B. New York City documents the PPP/PEC structure

1. [“Procedures Manual.” Department of Cultural Affairs. 2005](#).
 - a. Describes the prerequisites PPP/PEC institutions and other New York City institutions must meet to qualify for City funding [see C.10 and C.11 of [LIST OF REFERENCES -- PPP](#)].

C. Evidence that WCS is only a name change and not a separate entity and should be required to comply with New York State laws relating to NYZS.

1. **Evidence that WCS is an “assumed name” or “doing/business/as” and not a separate entity from NYZS.**
 - a. See “doing business as” [definition](#)..
 - b. See WCS’s use of NYZS’s 1895 incorporation date in its “[Name History](#)” [scroll down] filed with New York State’s Division of Corporations
2. Undated. WCS’s “[Zoos & Aquarium](#)” website page stating WCS was “[f]ounded in 1895 as the New York Zoological Society. ...”
3. Undated. WCS’s “[120 Years: A Conservation Legacy](#),”
 - a. P. 2: 1895 New York Zoological Society [NYZS] is founded.
 - b. P. 2: 1899 The Bronx Zoo [formerly, The New York Zoological Park] officially opens
 - c. P. 3 1902 NYZS takes over management of New York Aquarium
 - d. p. 8 1957 New Yor Aquarium opens in Coney Island, moving from Manhattan
 - e. p. 11 1988 Under contract to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, NYZS assumes management of [and redesigns] New York City zoos. Central Park Zoo becomes one of NYZS’s wildlife parks in 1988, followed by Queens Zoo in 1992 and Prospect Park Zoo in 1993. [In documents produced by Department of Parks (DPR), pursuant to an FA Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request, the dates for these contracts were: 1980 for Central Park Zoo; 1981 for Prospect Park and Queens Zoos; 1954 for an Amended contract with New York Aquarium and 1897, by NYZS Resolution, for the Bronx Zoo (formally, The New York Zoological Park)].
4. Undated: DPR’s webpage entitled, “[History of Zoos in Parks](#),” especially its introduction citing a William Safire *The New York Times* op-ed entitled “[A Zoo by Any Other Name...](#)” 02/05/1993.
5. 1993: *The New York Times*. “[What’s 3 Letters and Zoologically Incorrect](#),” 02/04/1993. p. 28 (top right page counter) stating “... ‘zoo’ had become an urban pejorative ... [society] ... **officially changing its name to NYZS/The Wildlife Conservation Society**” [emphasis added].
6. 1998: WCS 1998 Amendment to NYZS’s 1895 Certificate of Incorporation filed with NYS’s Department of State [Division of Corporations](#) [copy requested].
7. 1999: *The New York Times*. “[The Lion in Winter; Bill Conway, New York’s Top Zookeeper, Goes Out With a \\$43 Million Roar.](#)” Douglas Martin. 02/08/1999. Stating, “... **the Wildlife Conservation Society, the [Bronx] zoo’s parent group, founded in 1895 as the New York Zoological Society**” [emphasis added].

8. 2017-2018: WCS's auditor's mention in footnote 13 in WCS's [Consolidated financials for 2017-2018](#) that WCS BZ/NYZS-WCS pursuant to a "city grant' made in 1897."

D. Undated. FA webpages to review.

- a. [PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP](#)
- b. [PARK INSTITUTIONS](#)
- c. [FINANCIAL ANALYSIS](#)