Peer Review of Scientific Information Checklist

1. Title: Estimating Migratory Game Bird Recruitment by Integrating Age Ratio and Banding Data

2. Description: This manuscript provides the theoretical background for integrating banding and age ratio data into an estimate of recruitment for migratory game birds. In addition, we provide a model for integrating the data and demonstrate the use of the model with data on the American woodcock.

3. Estimated dissemination date of the final version of the document: July 2010.

4. Kind of peer review that will be conducted: Scientific and policy review by USGS; individual letters from the reviewers selected by the editor of the scientific journal to which manuscript will be submitted.

5. Anticipated number of reviewers: 6 (2 scientific reviewers and a policy reviewer for USGS; 2 anonymous journal peer reviews and 1 review from editor)

6. Reviewer selection method: USGS peer reviewers will be selected by a research manager at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center; policy review will be conducted by the USGS Eastern Regional Office; other peer reviewers will be selected by the Journal "Wildlife Research"

7. Primary disciplines or expertise needed in the review: Reviewers should have expertise in Bayesian hierarchical modeling, population biology, mark-recovery techniques, and migratory bird ecology.

8. Estimated start date of the peer review: October 15, 2009

9. Opportunities for the public to comment on the work product to be peer reviewed: Public comment will not be sought, but the public may comment via letters to the editor of the journal or to the corresponding author.

10. Indicated whether the public, including scientific or professional organizations, will be asked to nominate potential peer reviewers: The public, including scientific and professional organizations, will not be asked to nominate potential peer reviewers. The peer reviewers will be selected by Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the editor of the Journal.

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