U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Office of Law Enforcement

*in New York*

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**Purpose**
With offices in Valley Stream, Amherst, Albany and Champlain, U.S. Fish and Wildlife criminal investigators and wildlife inspectors ensure compliance with federal wildlife laws protecting endangered plants and animals, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fishes and other species throughout New York. They also carry out U.S. enforcement obligations under international agreements. These laws and agreements include:

Clifford Otto

*Barred owl*

*African Elephant Act*
*Airborne Hunting Act*
*Archeological Resources Protection Act*
*Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act*
*Endangered Species Act*
*Exotic Wild Bird Act*
*Lacey Act*
*Marine Mammal Protection Act*
*Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp Act*
*Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended*
*National Wildlife Refuge Act*
*Recreation Act*

**Enforcement Activities**

*Wildlife Inspectors*

- Check documents, licenses and permits at ports of entry.
- Inspect shipments to ensure that protected species are not illegally imported or exported.

*Criminal Investigators*

- Investigate fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws protecting migratory birds, bald eagles and threatened and endangered species.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife and related products.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.
- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.
- Make presentations about wildlife law enforcement to school groups and respond to inquiries about federal wildlife laws.

**Highlights**
Criminal investigators and wildlife inspectors continue to play a crucial role in the enforcement of federal laws and regulations pertaining to the import and export of wildlife and related products.

The Office of Law Enforcement works closely with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation's law enforcement personnel to protect fish and wildlife resources.

The Office of Law Enforcement participates in task forces with the New York State Police.

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