

**AMENDMENT TO A
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MANUAL CHAPTER**

Series: Migratory Birds
Part 724: Migratory Bird Permits
Chapter 4: Permits for Eagle Carcasses, Parts, and Feathers from the National Eagle Repository, published 12/20/2007
Amendment Number: 1
Purpose: This amendment updates references from Regional staff and Regional offices to the National Eagle Repository as part of delegating administration of Indian Religious Purposes permits (50 CFR 22.22) to the National Eagle Repository. It also updates staff roles and contacts. This change is limited to only permits to obtain whole eagles and eagle feathers and parts from the National Eagle Repository.

Actions:

(1) Under section 4.4, Who is responsible for the migratory bird permit program and the National Eagle Repository?, take the following actions:

-Strike what is in section 4.4A.: ~~A. The Assistant Director – Migratory Birds has oversight responsibility and the lead role for implementing the migratory bird permit program.~~ and move section 4.4D up to be the new 4.4A as follows: **A. The Chief – Office of Law Enforcement** is responsible for operation of the National Eagle Repository.”

-Change 4.4B from “Regional Directors,” to “National Eagle Repository Supervisor” as follows: **B. National Eagle Repository Supervisor** is responsible for ensuring that the permitting processes in the supervisor’s area of responsibility are efficient and effective.”

-Change 4.4C from “Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office staff” to “National Eagle Repository staff” as follows: **C. National Eagle Repository staff** issue permits for eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers for Native American religious and cultural use.

(2) Under section 4.6B change “Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office that serves his or her area:” to “National Eagle Repository:”.

(3) Under section 4.7A change “Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office staff (Regional Offices):” to “National Eagle Repository staff:”.

(4) Under section 4.8A change “Regional Office,” (all three references) to “National Eagle Repository,” remove the A, and move the text up to immediately follow the question posed.

(5) Strike what is in section 4.8.B: ~~B. If Repository staff receive a request to amend permits to reflect a change of address, they will send the request to the appropriate Regional Office.~~

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