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HEARING HELD ON WATERFOWL PERMIT REGULATION AMENDMENTS

A public hearing on proposed amendments to the Migratory Bird Permit Regulations was held February 28 in the Department of the Interior Auditorium in Washington, D. C., the Department announced today.

The purpose was to allow the interested public to further present its views regarding two proposed amendments which would establish user's fees or charges for the issuance of propagating and taxidermist permits, and which would make all migratory birds, whether raised in captivity or not, subject to permit regulations where such birds cannot be distinguished by size and coloration from wild birds of the same species.

Representatives of the North American Game Breeders and Shooting Preserve Association, Incorporated; the International Wild Waterfowl Association; and the National Retriever Field Trial Club presented the views and resolutions of their organizations; several individuals gave their personal views opposing or endorsing the proposed amendments.

Proposals to change these and other provisions in the permit regulations were carried in the Federal Register August 31, 1961. Because of the many requests for hearings on these two provisions, action on them has been delayed. Final action on the other provisions were carried in the Federal Register November 29, 1961.

Two additional hearings on the suggested amendments are scheduled, one at the Statler Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., March 7, 1962, and the other at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., March 9. The hearing times will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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