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MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: A Migratory Bird Permit (MBP) Memorandum Series

PURPOSE: The purpose of the MBP Memorandum series is to clarify regulations and other existing migratory bird permit policy to ensure internally consistent implementation of the migratory bird permit program.

AUTHORITY: The authority for the MBP Memorandum series is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d). The series will be authorized in Part 725, Chapter 1, of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual.

SCOPE: Migratory Bird Permit Memoranda will (1) clarify existing migratory bird and eagle permit regulations, policy, or matters of science, and (2) transmit internal guidelines and procedures for implementing such policy to the Regional Migratory Bird Permit Offices. Service policy that establishes binding agency requirements, instructions, or directives that affect the rights of citizens or the authorities of agencies must undergo public notice and review prior to finalization and will not be established via the MBP Memorandum series. The MBP Memorandum series will not be used to avoid publication in the Service Manual. As regulations and Service Manual chapters on migratory bird and eagle permits are developed and updated, provisions from the MBP Memorandum series will be incorporated, as appropriate, and specific MBP memoranda will be repealed as necessary.

APPLICABILITY: These memoranda transmit policy and guidance to personnel in the Service who are responsible for administering, and in some cases enforcing, migratory bird and eagle permits pursuant to 50 CFR parts 21 and 22, respectively.

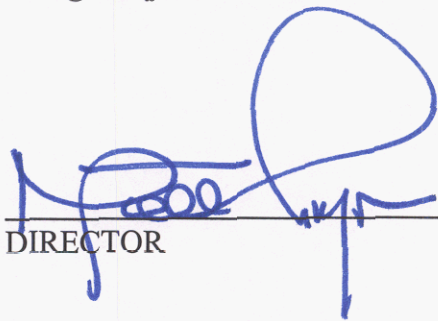
RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Development. Memoranda will be developed by the Division of Migratory Bird Management in consultation with the Regional Migratory Bird Offices, the Division of Law Enforcement, and any program office that may be affected by a memorandum.

B. Signature. Memoranda will be signed by the Director.

C. Distribution. Upon signature, the Division of Migratory Bird Management will electronically transmit each memorandum to each Regional Director; the Assistant Director and each Assistant Regional Director for Migratory Birds and State Programs; the Assistant Director and each Assistant Regional Director for Law Enforcement; and others as appropriate. It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure that copies are provided to all personnel with migratory bird permit issuance and enforcement responsibility.

AVAILABILITY: Migratory Bird Permit Memoranda will be available from the Division of Migratory Bird Management and the Regional Migratory Bird Offices, and will be published on the web.


Deputy DIRECTOR