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## Memorandum

To: Service Directorate  
From: *for Shelley Hartmann* Assistant Director – Information Resources & Technology Management (ADIR)  
Subject: Adoption of a Data Layer Standard

After the successful completion of the national review process for proposed data standards, [http://www.fws.gov/stand/standards/process\\_www.html](http://www.fws.gov/stand/standards/process_www.html), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) has adopted a new data layer standard, Critical Habitat Spatial Data Specifications.

All comments received from Service personnel in review of this data standard indicate full concurrence, and can be found on the Data Standards Web site: [http://www.fws.gov/stand/standards/dl\\_crithab\\_www.html](http://www.fws.gov/stand/standards/dl_crithab_www.html).

The purpose of this standard is to establish specifications and procedures to standardize the creation, maintenance and dissemination of critical habitat spatial data by the Service. For further information or questions in regards to the use or application of this standard, please contact Martha Balis-Larsen, Chief OPS, Endangered Species Program, [martha\\_balislarsen@fws.gov](mailto:martha_balislarsen@fws.gov). All other questions and comments about Service data standards should be addressed to Chris Lett, Acting National Data Administrator, Information Resources and Technology Management, [chris\\_lett@fws.gov](mailto:chris_lett@fws.gov), or by phone at (303) 275-2348.

