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April 10, 1975 MTAB-26

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory

Office of Migratory Bird Management

Laurel, Maryland 20811

SUBJECT: Endangered Species Act of 1973

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 prohibits the taking of any endangered species without a special permit. Effective now, no regular Federal Bird Marking and Salvage Permit (Form 3-375) will allow banding of endangered species unless it is accompanied by a special endangered species permit from the Chief of the Division of Law Enforcement. Banding of inadvertently captured endangered species is no longer allowable. Banders must now make a separate application for permits to band endangered species of Table 1972. The current list of endangered birds is in Appendix 2B in the Bird Sanding Manual.

Banders currently with authorization to band endangered species as a special condition of their Federal Bird Marking and Salvage Permit have been provided complete information concerning application procedures. Persons who have a bona fide need to band endangered species should write to the Director, FWS-LE, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C. 20240. Information will be provided which will include appropriate regulations and an application form with instructions. If the application is approved, it will be published in the Federal Register inviting public comments for a period of 30 days. The permits or declination notices will be sent to banders by the Division of Law Enforcement.

Securing of any appropriate State permits will continue to be the bander's responsibility.

George M. Jonkel

cc: Special Agents in Charge (LE) Districts 1-13 Law Enforcement - W.O.