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MEMORANDUM

MTAB-35
February 10, 1978

TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, Maryland 20811

SUBJECT: 1. 1976 banding accomplishments
2. Species Number 172.0 for giant Canada geese
3. Clarification of Paragraph 12, MTAB-34
4. Subpermittee terminations
5. Subpermittee color-marking requests
6. Bird Banding Association meetings

1. A species tabulation of your 1976 banding accomplishment is enclosed if any banding was done under your permit and if the banding data were in our files by November 1, 1977. This is a check for accuracy of data in addition to Bird Banding Laboratory clerks', biologists' and computer edits, so please compare the listing data to your records and advise us of any apparent discrepancies. Rebanded birds are not included in the summary and a double-banded bird is counted as one bird.

2. Please use 172.0 for giant Canada geese. MTAB-31 designated 172.2 as the Species Number for giant Canada geese. It is too often impractical to distinguish giant Canadas in the field, and for management it appears unnecessary to do so.

3. MTAB-34, Paragraph 12, stated that birds of prey in captivity are being marked with special nylon tarsus bands. This marking applies to raptors used in falconry or propagation and are not for rehabilitated birds of prey released to the wild. Rehabilitated birds of prey released to the wild may be marked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service aluminum bands.

4. When subpermittees are terminated before expiration of their permits, please return the original permit document to the Bird Banding Laboratory. We need the document to avoid legal problems of an individual still possessing a valid permit, when in fact, the master has cancelled the subpermit.

5. Letters mailed directly to the Bird Banding Laboratory from subpermittees requesting banding or color marking authorization should include written concurrence from the master permittee. A simple signature/approval line on the subpermittee's letter will save our having to write back. (Refer to MTAB-32, Paragraph 8.)

6. Meeting dates and locations of the associations' annual meetings and the names of the persons to contact are listed below. We strongly urge all banders to attend banding association meetings for your information, inspiration, and fun.

EBBA - Wilmington, NC - March 24-26. Contact Samuel and Isabelle Tipton, 113 23rd Street, SW., Long Beach, Southport, NC 28461

WBBA - Tempe, AZ - May 11-13. (In coordination with Cooper's Society). Contact Dr. Charles Collins, Biology Department, California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840

IBBA - Connersville, IN - October 20-22. Contact Ed Hopkins, 1150 Windsor Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906


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Enclosure