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April 5, 1983
MTAB-50

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Banders
FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, Maryland 20708

- SUBJECT :
1. Request for banding information card
 2. Colonial bird banders please report early
 3. Preservation of banding records
 4. Form 3-1807 band recovery reports
 5. Requests for permit changes
 6. New telephone numbers for BBL
 7. Northeastern Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting

1. Please respond promptly to "Requests for Banding Information" cards (Form 3-860a). It is important to us to get this data into our computer file so that we can issue a Certificate of Appreciation as fast as possible. With our new system and fewer people, it is mandatory that we make the system as efficient as possible.

If banders do not reply within 30 days to a second request for this information, we will defer permit renewal and band orders. The data on the pink cards should be identical with that used on a schedule (Form 3-860).

2. We previously asked banders to report bandings upon completion of strings of 100 bands and upon completion of seasonal banding studies. Such reporting is spreading out our banding schedule workload and we appreciate your cooperation. Now, we also ask that colonial bird banders please report banding upon completion of the banding project. We need to additionally shorten our time lapse in reporting to the band finder and this will help.

3. Banders should leave a note attached to their will directing where and/or to whom their banding records should go. The records could go to any person they prefer, for example, a subpermittee who will assume master bander status, or a State or regional banding organization. All records and unused bands should be kept in one place.

4. Please check retrap birds reported on Form 3-1807 (pink recovery form) before submitting to assure that these are not returns of your own birds. Foreign retraps should be reported but return records (trapped in the same 10-minute block as banded) should not be reported to the BBL unless they are unusual age records.