



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 27, Amendment 16

Subject: Issuance of Permits to Kill Depredating Migratory Birds at Fish Cultural Facilities

This supersedes Amendment 15 and amends Director's Order No. 27, April 18, 1990, as follows:

1. Section A, paragraphs 1, 2, and 4. "Animal Damage Control" is amended to read "Wildlife Services" and "ADC" is amended to read "WS."

2. Section C is amended to read:

C. OBJECTIVES: The policy is designed to provide immediate, short-term relief to the aquaculture producers from the economic and resource losses occurring from fish-eating birds being lured to the aquaculture site by an increasingly abundant and available food supply. This relief will provide the applicant with time to construct or employ existing or newly developed exclosures, barriers, or deterrence devices. Every effort will be made to encourage WS to conduct an active research program and to assume operational responsibility for controlling bird depredation at aquaculture facilities. Public facilities will continue to set an example for the public to follow by avoiding killing actions. This policy provides for proper protection of both migratory birds and the aquaculture producers while long-term solutions are developed. This policy includes the taking of most common fish-eating birds but does not include endangered, threatened, other migratory birds listed as sensitive or special concern by Service Regional Directors, or migratory game birds other than mergansers and coots.

3. Section F is amended to extend the termination date to March 31, 2004.

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Acting DIRECTOR

Date: March 31, 2003