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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors, Regions 1-8

From: ~~ACTING DEPUTY~~
Director 

Subject: Delegation of INRMP Concurrence Authority

Regional Directors may now delegate INRMP concurrence authority to Field Supervisors based on amendments to Director's Order No. 135 (see attached). Currently, the Sikes Act, as amended through 2003, requires the military to develop and implement integrated natural resource management plans (INRMPs). The Sikes Act also requires that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and appropriate State fish and wildlife agencies regularly review and mutually agree to the INRMP's conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife resources no less than every 5 years. The Service's June 2001 Sikes Act Guidelines required military installations to obtain INRMP review concurrence from the Regional Director.

In 2006, limited resources forced some regions to modify INRMP review procedures resulting in Department of Defense (DoD) concerns that INRMPs would not receive thorough reviews. As a result, the DoD, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Association (AFWA) and the Service developed a document entitled *Recommendations to Improve Sikes Act Coordination* to streamline Sikes Act implementation. The recommendations suggest allowing regions to delegate INRMP concurrence authority to the field stations.

Amendment 8 to Director's Order 135 authorizes Regional Directors to delegate INRMP concurrence authority to Field Supervisors.

Please contact Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, at (202) 208-6394 if you have questions.

Attachment



CLEARANCE RECORD
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

1. TYPE OF DOCUMENT
DIRECTOR'S ORDER

2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (If any)
Amendment 8, DO 135

3. SUBJECT/TITLE
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - SIKES ACT



4. SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT CONTENTS (If a revision, give rational for change)

EXTENDS TERMINATION DATE TO JUNE 30, 2010

5. ORIGINATOR

ORGANIZATION DIVISION OF POLICY AND DIRECTIVES MGT	NAME AND TITLE KRISTA HOLLOWAY	TELEPHONE NUMBER 703-358-1914	DATE May 12, 2009
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6. CLEARANCES

ROUTING SYMBOL-CODE	ORGANIZATION AND TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE	INTERNAL CLEARANCE	
				SURNAME	DATE
PDM	CHIEF, DIVISION OF POLICY AND DIRECTIVES MANAGEMENT		5/12/09	Holloway	5/11/09
HRC	^{Acting} CHIEF, DIVISION OF HABITAT RESOURCES CONSERVATION	Robin Nims Elliott (revision)	5/24/09		
AFHC	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISHERIES & HABITAT CONSERVATION ACTING	Jeff L. Underwood	5/28/09		
ABHC	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - BUDGET, PLANNING AND HUMAN CAPITAL	Denise E. Sheehan	6/9/9		
D	Acting Deputy DIRECTOR		6/10/09		

7. SIGNATURE INFORMATION

➤NOTE: INDICATE BY STAMP THE NAME OF THE SIGNING OFFICIAL AND DATE SIGNED.	SIGNED BY	DATE SIGNED

8. FOR USE OF FINAL ACTION OFFICE

AFTER SIGNATURE, RETURN TO KRISTA HOLLOWAY, DIVISION OF POLICY AND DIRECTIVES MGT, ROOM 222, ARL SQ	ISSUANCE NUMBER ASSIGNED
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DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 135, Amendment 8

Subject: Delegation of Authority - Sikes Act

This amendment removes the last sentence in Sec. 1 that states, "You may not redelegate this authority," and replaces it with the following:

"The Regional Director may delegate INRMP concurrence authority to Field Supervisors."

This amendment also supersedes Amendment 7, and amends Section 7 of Director's Order No. 135 (June 19, 2001) to extend the termination date to June 30, 2010.

Acting Deputy
Acting Deputy

DIRECTOR

Date:





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DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 135

Subject: Delegation of Authority - Sikes Act

Sec. 1 What is the purpose of this Order? This Order authorizes Regional Directors to sign Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP) concerning conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife resources on military installations. You may not redelegate this authority.

Sec. 2 To whom does this Order apply? This Order applies to Regional Directors and other Service employees who prepare and review INRMP's.

Sec. 3 What is the Service's authority to carry out this Order? 16 U.S.C. 670a-670o, Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1997.

Sec. 4 What are the implementation guidelines?

a. The Service and appropriate State fish and wildlife agencies must cooperatively prepare INRMP's and the plans must reflect mutual agreement concerning conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife resources.

b. Assistant Regional Directors for Fisheries, in consultation with other Assistant Regional Directors and the Regional Chiefs, National Wildlife Refuge System, are responsible for coordinating, reviewing, preparing, and commenting on INRMP's in a timely manner. Regional Director's, or their Acting, are the only officials that may sign INRMP's.

Sec. 5 Are there any reporting requirements? The Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1997 require that we, in cooperation with heads of State fish and wildlife agencies, submit a financial report to Congress annually by March 1 (Reports Control No. R507-1). This report will depict amounts that the Service and the affected State agencies expended during the preceding fiscal year on conservation activities in support of developing and implementing INRMP's. Regional Directors will provide this information to the Assistant Director - Fisheries and Habitat Conservation by December 31 of each year.

Sec. 6 What is the effective date of this Order? This order is effective immediately. We will incorporate its contents into Parts 033 and 507 of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual.

Sec. 7 When does this Order expire? This Order will expire on June 30, 2002, unless it is amended, superseded, or revoked.

Acting
Deputy *K Adams*
DIRECTOR

Date: June 19, 2001

