

**AMENDMENT TO A
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MANUAL CHAPTER**

Series: Migratory Birds
Part 720: Migratory Bird Management
Chapter 1: Polices and Responsibilities of the Migratory Bird Program, published 8/9/2004 and amended 9/8/2008
Amendment Number: 2
Purpose: This amendment adds a delegated authority from the Director to the Assistant Director – Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) for signing Religious Purposes permits (50 CFR 22.22). The Assistant Director oversees the National Eagle Repository. This change is limited to permits to obtain whole eagles and eagle feathers and parts from the National Eagle Repository. The purpose is to reduce the duplicative work and administrative burden to the Service and public. All other Native American Indian Religious Purposes permits and authorizations will remain with the Migratory Bird Program Regional offices.

Actions:

Under section 1.3, Who is responsible for administering the Migratory Bird Program?, add the following subsection:

“K. Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement is delegated the authority to sign Indian Religious Purposes permits requested to obtain eagle feathers and parts from the National Eagle Repository. The Assistant Director may delegate the signature authority in writing as appropriate. The Migratory Bird Permit Program administers all other Indian Religious Purposes permit requests for reasons other than obtaining eagles and eagle feathers from the National Eagle Repository.”

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