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SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority under Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978

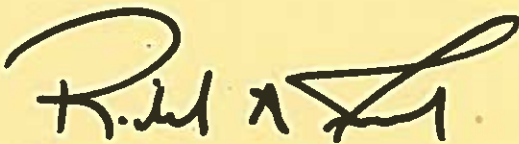
TO: Financial Management Centers

1. Legislation. The Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, Public Law 95-616, authorized the Secretary of Commerce to establish national fish and wildlife law enforcement training programs; to assist states in training their fish and wildlife law enforcement personnel; to enter into inter-agency cooperative agreements for the cross-utilization of personnel, services, and facilities; to dispose of abandoned or forfeited wildlife items "in such a manner as he deems appropriate;" and otherwise to "improve and strengthen fish and wildlife law enforcement." 16 U.S.C. 7421.

2. Delegation to the NOAA Administrator. By Department Organization Order 25-5A, Section 3.0111, the Secretary delegated to the NOAA Administrator the functions assigned to the Secretary by Public Law 95-616, without reservation.

3. Delegation to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. All authority vested in the Secretary of Commerce as specified in paragraph 1 of this Circular and delegated to the Administrator as specified in paragraph 2 of this Circular is hereby delegated to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. This authority may be redelegated to any employee of NOAA by publication of a NOAA circular.

4. Effective Date. The provisions of this Circular are effective today.



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