

Please file with NOAA Directive 05-60

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority Under Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 (Reference: GCEL, 254-8350)

TO: Financial Management Centers

1. Legislation - The Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, Public Law 95-616, authorized the Secretary of Commerce, among other matters, to dispose of any item abandoned or forfeited to the United States in connection with any law administered by the Secretary of Commerce relating to fish, wildlife, or plants "in such a manner as he deems appropriate." 16 U.S.C. 7421(c).

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 - By NOAA Circular 80-30 the NOAA Administrator delegated to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries all authority assigned to the Secretary of Commerce by Public Law 95-616 and delegated to the NOAA Administrator by Department Organization Order 25-5A, with authorization to redelegate that authority to any employee of NOAA by publication of a NOAA Circular.

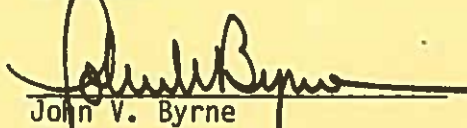
4. Delegation to the Chief of the Enforcement Division and the Special Agents in Charge of the Regional Enforcement Offices, National Marine Fisheries Service - All authority vested in the Secretary of Commerce as specified in paragraph 1 of this Circular and delegated to the Administrator and redelegated to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries as specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Circular is hereby delegated to the Chief of the Enforcement Division and Special Agents in Charge of the Regional Enforcement Offices, National Marine Fisheries Service, to be exercised in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 4.464 of the NOAA Enforcement Operations Manual.

5. Redelegation - This authority may be delegated to any employee of NOAA, consistent with the provisions of the Manual.


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APPROVED


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