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INTERIOR ADOPTS SOME AMENDMENTS TO MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT REGULATIONS; DEFERS ACTION ON OTHERS

Adoption of certain proposed migratory bird permit regulations and deferment of others were announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The proposed amendments had been published in the Federal Register of August 31, 1961, as a notice of proposed rule making. As a result of comments, objections, and suggestions received in response to publication of the proposals, certain provisions have been revised. Final action on others has been deferred pending findings from public hearings to be scheduled on these points.

Proposed regulations would have required that the head and feet be retained on dressed birds disposed of for food purposes. Revised regulations permit disposal of such birds, under certain conditions, with the head and feet removed. Another revision permits the use of captive-reared live mallard ducks for dog-training and field-trial purposes without unnecessary additional expense or inconvenience.

Regulations will become effective January 1, 1962.

Action was deferred on a proposal which would make all migratory birds, whether raised in captivity or not, subject to regulation under permit when such birds cannot be readily distinguished from wild birds, and on a suggested regulation which would establish user's fees or charges for issuance of taxidermist and propagating permits. Public hearings will be held before final action is taken on these provisions.

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