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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Permit Workshops. Businessmen and others who have an interest in Federal regulations governing interstate and foreign trade in wildlife and wildlife products may want to attend one of a series of workshops in January sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife Permit Office.

The workshops are designed to acquaint the public, as well as employees of other Federal and State agencies, with the various Federal laws and international treaties that govern the import, export, and commerce in wildlife and wildlife products. Comments and suggestions will also be sought from the business community regarding the Federal wildlife permit process.

Each workshop will be conducted by a team of specialists from the Wildlife Permit Office. The first day of each 2-day workshop will be reserved for the public and the second day reserved for Federal and State government employees. The public sessions of each workshop will require a \$25 registration fee to cover expenses; the Washington, D.C., "pilot" workshop will be free-of-charge.

The schedule for the workshop series is:

- Washington, D.C.: January 6, 1982, North Penthouse (Room 8068), Main Interior Building, 18th and C Streets, N.W., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Los Angeles, California: January 14-15, 1982, Cockatoo Inn, 4334 West Imperial Highway, Hawthorne, California, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Miami, Florida: January 19-20, 1982, Main Auditorium, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- New York, New York: January 26-27, 1982, New York Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue between 55th and 56th Streets, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements as soon as possible. Additional information about the workshops is available from Steve Funderburk, Wildlife Permit Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240 (703/235-1903).

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1980 Research Activities Profiled in Annual Report. The research activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during 1980 have been summarized in the recent publication, Fisheries and Wildlife Research -- 1980.

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This annual report highlights research activities for the year at the Service's 12 major laboratories, 50 cooperative fish or wildlife research units located at 31 universities, and various field stations. Activities such as the development of methods to control damage caused by wildlife, Andean condor releases in South America, and acid rain investigations are among the hundreds of studies described in the publication.

Single copies of Fisheries and Wildlife Research -- 1980 are available in limited supply from the Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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"Endangered Means There's Still Time." With time now on their side, the Key deer and brown pelican are staging a comeback in the East, a handful of Mississippi sandhill cranes and Andean condors have been returned to the wild, and the habitat for two rare plants --- the Antioch Dunes evening primrose and the Contra Costa wallflower -- and the Lange's metalmark butterfly is now secure. While the outlook for these animals and plants is improving, time may be running out for other endangered species like the dusky seaside sparrow and some cacti.

The effort to save these and other species, along with a comprehensive explanation of the Endangered Species Act, are highlighted in a 32-page, illustrated brochure published by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Endangered Means There's Still Time" is available for \$2.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (specify stock # 024-010-00526-2). Single review copies for editors are available free from the Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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New Publication Provides Basic Information on North America's Wetlands. In response to public interest in America's marshes, bogs, swamps, bayous, potholes, sloughs, and ponds, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published "Wetlands Values and Management," a 25-page, illustrated booklet on the management of these precious, vanishing, and still much-abused wild lands.

This booklet, which was produced in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is of particular interest to owners and managers of land. It will assist them in preserving wetlands while increasing the potential for wildlife production, recreation, pollution and flood control, and agricultural uses.

Single copies of "Wetlands Values and Management" are available free from the Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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