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TO: All Area Offices
Rural Development

FROM: Ellen Matthews Davis
State Director
Rural Development

SUBJECT: Biological Resource Reviews with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to modify the previous AN 468 (dated November 28, 2006), as it relates to submission procedures for conducting biological resource reviews with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) for Rural Development proposed projects. This AN also modifies the attached form, to be used in requesting VDGIF comments.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN

There is no previous AN on this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

RD Instruction 1940-G requires biological resource reviews as a part of the environmental analysis. To expedite the process, Rural Development employees (with passwords from VDGIF) will check the VDGIF U.S. Fish and Wildlife Information Service database of biological resources for potential project impacts. Attachment A will be completed based on your analysis of the database information and emailed to VDGIF along with the database search results. Once VDGIF provides their response, the environmental analysis will continue accordingly.

The standard inquiry to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is required as usual.

Until further notice, the results of the inquiries from the State agencies will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for comment when either of the State agencies recommends such.

EXPIRATION DATE: November 30, 2007

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS: File
preceding RD Instruction 1940-G**

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If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Judy Allen, State Environmental Coordinator.

Attachment