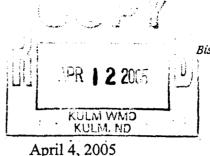
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Lloyd Jones Refuge Coordinator ND Wetland Habitat Office USFWS 3425 Miriam Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Lloyd:

This letter is in response to your request for approval of predator management activities outside of state prescribed seasons. This letter serves as official approval for these activities in the areas listed in your letter of March 25, 2005.

Please provide our Department with a summary of predator management activities following the completion of your work.

Sincerely,

Dean Hildebrand, Director

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Wetland Habitat Office 3425 Miriam Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

March 25, 2005

Dean Hildebrand, Director North Dakota Game and Fish Department 100 N. Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-5905

Dear Dean:

The Fish and Wildlife Service requests your approval to conduct predator management activities for the purpose of increasing ground nesting success for waterfowl and other bird species outside the State prescribed seasons. We are specifically requesting approval to snare furbearers after the March 13 closure of the snaring season, and to take mink and weasel after the March 13 closure. The proposed activities will occur on intensely managed areas such as islands, fenced peninsulas, predator exclosures, WPA's, NWR's and associated private lands. The following list describes the general areas for predator management activities.

Wetland District	Location	County
Long Lake	Long Lake NWR, WPA's & 3 private land sites	Burleigh, Kidder, Emmons
Tewaukon	Tewaukon NWR and WPAs and 5 private land sites	Sargent
Kulm	7 WPAs and 2 private land sites	Logan, Lamoure, McIntosh, Dickey
Audubon (complex)	Audubon, Lake Ilo, Lake Nettie & Three Easement NWR's, WPAs, and 8 private land sites	Ward, McLean, Sheridan, Slope & Dunn
Des Lacs (complex)	Des Lacs NWR and WPAs	Divide, Williams, Burke, Mountrail
J. Clark Salyer	Salyer NWR and WPAs, and 3	Renville, Rolette, Pierce, Bottineau, McHenry

private land sites

Wetland District Arrowwood (complex)	. 0	Location Arrowwood NWR and WPAs, and 13 private land sites	County Wells, Eddy, Foster, Stutsman, Griggs, Barnes, Cass, Steele, Traill
Devils Lake	6-0-17-11-0-0	NWRs, WPA's and 3 private land sites	Towner, Ramsey, Benson, Walsh, Nelson, Cavalier, Grand Forks
Totals	6-0-17-11-0-0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

These predator management efforts covered the period March 25 through July 31, 2005

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Jones

Refuge Coordinator

ND Wetland Habitat Office