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Procedures for Developing General Plans
for Fish and Wildlife Management

The agreement between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps of Engineers, approved by the Acting Secretary of the Interior on August 6, and by the Secretary of the Army on August 20, 1954, provides in Section 7 that GENERAL PLANS for Fish and Wildlife Management, as specified in Section 3 of the Coordination Act (Public Law 732, 79th Congress, approved August 14, 1946, 60 Stat. 1080) shall be developed jointly by the Corps of Engineers, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the appropriate State agency for all project lands and waters where management for fish and wildlife purposes is proposed. The agreement further provides, in Section 8, that standard procedures for the development of GENERAL PLANS for Fish and Wildlife Management shall be developed jointly by the Office of the Chief of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Section 8 further provides that copies of such procedures will be made available to all field offices of both agencies.

GENERAL PLANS for Fish and Wildlife Management are prepared for the purpose designating the type of use as between the national migratory bird management program of the Department of the Interior and the wildlife programs of the respective States and therein to define the lands and waters to be administered by each. Such PLANS should be only as detailed in those respects as may be necessary to indicate the agencies, the areas, and the general purposes to be accomplished under each assignment. The PLANS should not be burdened with operating details which are properly a part of the cooperative agreements understood to be necessary between the Corps of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Service or the State in making areas available to the latter two agencies subsequent to the completion of the GENERAL PLANS for Fish and Wildlife Management.

In accordance with Section 8 of the August agreement, the following procedures for the development of GENERAL PLANS for Fish and Wildlife Management have been developed jointly by the Office of the Chief of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A. Specific Procedures

1. Reports prepared by the Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the appropriate State fish and game agency, in accordance with Section 2 of the Act of August 14, 1946, shall specify, when appropriate, the necessity for a GENERAL PLAN for Fish and Wildlife Management in the recommendations of the reports. In accordance with previously established procedure, the reports will be transmitted to the District Engineer.

2. It is agreed that project lands and waters of particular value for the conduct of the national migratory bird management program made available to the Fish and Wildlife Service may subsequently, through a cooperative agreement, be administered by a state in accordance with Section 4 of the Coordination Act, if such action appears to be in the public interest.

3. It is understood that the Federal and State agencies managing the project lands for wildlife may utilize same for the production of food for the wildlife involved.

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