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MEMORANDUM

To: All Banders
From: Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Subjects: Proposal for Status and Additional Information Code Changes

We have recently studied and evaluated the banding status and additional information codes with the objective of simplifying them and making them more meaningful. The attached proposal reflects the results of this study and evaluation.

Although the status codes would change (except for status 3), we feel that the approach outlined in the attachments is more logical and would be less confusing. It also would allow us to reduce the number of additional information codes from 100 to 29. Obsolete codes will be data-converted during our annual cut-off in August if our proposed changes are endorsed by banders and users of banding data. Our plans also include implementation of this proposal as of September 1, 1992.

We would like your comments regarding our proposal on status and additional information codes. Although our objective is to simplify and reduce codes, we are not ruling out considering new codes if there are good reasons for having them. Banders wishing to suggest new codes should include a good justification that considers who would use the codes and what advantages the codes would offer to data analyses.

Please send your comments and suggestions to Kathy Klimkiewicz by May 31, 1992.

Thank you for your help.

John Tautin

PROPOSED STATUS CODES

These codes reflect the condition of the bird immediately prior to banding and release and/or how the bird came to be banded. These codes describe conditions that, with few exceptions, are mutually exclusive. They must be used with one of the Additional Information codes that reflect what was done to the bird either during captivity and/or upon release.

- 2 = **Transported**, but otherwise normal wild; moved to a different 10-minute block (usually requires an additional permit from Federal Law Enforcement and State Agencies). Banding location, age, sex, and date banded should be those at release. Capture location and date should be given in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 3 = **Normal, wild bird**; released in same 10-minute block as captured; held 24 hours or less.
- 4 = **Hand-reared** or hacked; raised in captivity from egg, nestling or recent fledgling (young still under parental care). Banding location, age, sex, and date banded should be those at release. If a hand-reared bird is also injured, use additional information 85.
- 5 = Held 24 hours or less; **Sick, Exhausted, Injured, or Crippled**; may be treated or untreated.
- 7 = Held longer than 24 hours; sick, exhausted, injured, or crippled; **rehabilitated**. Requires an explanation in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 8 = **Held for longer than 24 hours for experimental or other purposes** (requires an additional permit from Federal Law Enforcement and usually from State agencies). Requires an explanation in the "Remarks" section of the schedules (Form 3-860).

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CODES

- 00 = normal bird (USFWS band, no auxiliary markers, injuries, etc.).
- 01 = color leg band (plastic or metal) - **Note: two metal bands cannot be used on the same leg.**
- 02 = neck collar - collar combination should be given in the color code column on the schedule (Form 3-860). Colors of collar and letter(s) or symbol(s) should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule.
- 03 = reward band (USFWS or State).
- 06 = miscellaneous band (e.g., State band) plus USFWS band. Explanation should be given in "Remarks" of schedule (Form 3-860). Approval from BBL is needed to use miscellaneous bands.
- 07 = double-banded with USFWS bands. BBL Approval is needed for double-banding.
- 08 = any part of bird painted or dyed, or feathers otherwise marked (e.g., imping, feather streamers).
- 09 = wing clipped or pulled.
- 10 = wing feathers clipped or pulled plus one or more auxiliary markers used. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 17 = sexed by laparotomy.
- 18 = blood sample taken (contact the appropriate Bird Banding Office for the required permit).
- 19 = blood sample taken plus one or more auxiliary markers used (contact the appropriate Bird Banding Office for the required permit). Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 25 = two or more auxiliary markers used (e.g., neck collar and color leg band). Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section on the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 29 = miscellaneous band plus USFWS band and one or more auxiliary markers used. Approval from BBL for use of miscellaneous bands is needed. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).

- 30 = double-banded with USFWS bands plus one or more auxiliary markers used. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 33 = trapped in an artificial nest structure (e.g., Wood Duck boxes).
- 34 = trapped in an artificial nest structure plus one or more auxiliary markers used. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 39 = wing, head, back, and/or nape tag(s).
- 40 = oiled; cleaned, and released.
- 51 = nasal saddle, nasal discs, or other bill marker.
- 59 = web tagged.
- 60 = web tagged plus one or more auxiliary markers used. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 69 = plastic streamer, flag, or tab on leg or flipper.
- 70 = spotlighted.
- 71 = spotlighted plus one or more auxiliary markers used. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 85 = miscellaneous (combination or situation not covered by other additional information codes). An explanation is needed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 87 = captured by means of drugs or tranquilizers.
- 88 = captured by means of drugs or tranquilizers plus one or more auxiliary markers used. Marker types should be listed in the "Remarks" section of the schedule (Form 3-860).
- 89 = equipped with radio transmitter (considered an auxiliary marker; therefore, authorization is needed from the appropriate Bird Banding Office).

All other additional information codes will be obsolete