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## TOP 10 FISH AND WILDLIFE STORIES TOLD IN FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

It was a very good year for wildlife in America in fiscal year 1975 and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has chronicled recent developments in its annual report.

The top 10 wildlife stories include:

1. DDT in wildlife down nationwide.
2. The establishment in the wild of a second flock of whooping cranes.
3. The first adult Atlantic salmon returned to the Connecticut River.
4. Three trout species removed from endangered species list.
5. Grizzly bear and three kangaroos listed as threatened species.
6. Successful transplants of peregrine falcons, eagles, wolves, and Aleutian Canada geese to former parts of their native ranges.
7. The phaseout of lead shotgun ammunition for waterfowl hunting was proposed.
8. Joint Soviet-American snow goose research and musk ox transplant.
9. Use of earth satellites for Arctic breeding ground surveys allowed reopening of snow goose hunting on east coast after 44-year closure.
10. Striped bass established in landlocked reservoirs in southeast, lake trout established in Lake Ontario, and considerable reduction of sea lamprey problem in Great Lakes.

The 96-page annual report is organized around the specific management objectives of the Fish and Wildlife Service. It emphasizes accomplishments rather than internal organizational developments.

In a glance the reader can perceive exactly what the wide array of Service responsibilities includes and what concrete steps have been taken in the past year to meet its responsibilities in areas such as migratory bird management, mammal and non-migratory bird programs, animal damage control work, law enforcement, fisheries production, endangered species projects, research, and habitat preservation.

A limited number of copies are available on a first come first serve basis from the Assistant Director - Public Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240.