

Appendix D

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For users who have Arc/INFO[®], the polygon data layers (BIRDS, FISH, HABITATS, M_MAMMAL, REPTILES, SHELLFSH, and T_MAMMAL) may be topologically stored as “regions” and eliminate the need for the lookup tables. To convert the polygons to regions the following commands may be used:

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joinitem incover.pat poly_lut incover.pat ID ID  
polyregion incover outcover bio  
regiondissolve incover outcover bio rarnum  
regionclean incover
```

After creating the new region data layer delete the original data layer (e.g., BIRDS) and rename the recently generated coverage.

