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SUBJECT: 2011 Training Workshop for DoD Natural Resources Professionals

Each year, the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) conducts a Training Workshop for DoD Natural Resources Professionals. This workshop provides an excellent opportunity for DoD personnel specializing in fish and wildlife management to meet and discuss challenges and solutions to managing these resources. It also affords an opportunity for DoD natural resource managers to meet with counterparts from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and State fish and wildlife agencies who work on Sikes Act issues and many other areas of common concern.

This year's Training Workshop will be held March 14-19 2011, in Kansas City, Missouri in conjunction with the 75th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. Working Group meetings are scheduled for the eight active NMFWA Working Groups: Bird/Animal Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH), Bats, Climate Change, Fish and Wildlife Recreation, Herpetology, Invasive Species, Law Enforcement, and Pollinators. The Military Service breakout sessions are an entire half-day to provide adequate time for dissemination of critical information and discussion of Service-specific natural resource trends, challenges, and upcoming issues in support of the military mission.

In 2008, the NMFWA began offering certification as a "Certified Military Natural Resources Professional (CMNRP)." This certification provides formal recognition of an employee's education and experience as military natural resources professional. Certification also provides a clear indication that the certified individual recognizes that the primary purpose of DoD land management is to support military training and readiness. The annual NMFWA training workshop meets CMNRP continuing education requirements.

Additional information on the NMFWA program is available at http://www.nmfwa.org/2011_Meeting/index.cfm. Information on the North American Conference is at <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org>.

I would appreciate your support in informing your personnel about this conference and workshop and encouraging appropriate participation. My point of contact is Mr. Peter Boice at 703-604-0524.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Conger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Conger" clearly legible.

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