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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Implementation of Sikes Act Improvement Act: Updated Guidance

This memorandum provides updated guidance for implementing Sikes Act Improvement Act requirements consistently throughout the Department of Defense (DoD). This guidance replaces implementing guidance dated September 21, 1998, same subject.

The following attachments define coordination, reporting, implementation, and miscellaneous Sikes Act Improvement Act requirements:

- *Coordination Requirements: the scope of Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and State involvement in developing integrated natural resources management plans (INRMPs); defining "mutual agreement" with the FWS and appropriate State fish and wildlife agency; soliciting public comments; specific coordination requirements; integrating other plans, programs, and policies; plan availability.*
- *Reporting Requirements: reporting deadlines and formats to use for providing information to our office for consolidation into required DoD reports to Congress; establishing formal new conservation metrics for preparing and implementing INRMPs.*
- *Implementation Requirements: budgeting for INRMP projects; defining implementation; INRMPs as a substitute for critical habitat designation; special management criteria; the INRMP Handbook.*
- *Miscellaneous Requirements: when and how to prepare and revise INRMPs; how to accommodate public access; addressing the no net loss to military lands o requirement; INRMPs for closing bases; funds authorization for 18 months; authorization for cooperative agreements with private, State, and local organizations.*

These guidelines are effective immediately. Please forward your respective implementing instructions by December 31, 2002. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Boice at (703) 604-0524.

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Attachments:
As stated

