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Friday, January 14, 2005

To: Craig Koppie, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office

CC: Kevin Sullivan, State Director, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services

From: Stephen Kendrot, Project Leader, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services

Re: Incidental take of juvenile bald eagle in Dorchester County, MD

On Friday, January 14, 2005, a juvenile bald eagle was captured in a foothold trap set for nutria by a USDA Wildlife Services specialist as part of the nutria eradication project. The trap was set on a small island (2-3 square meters) off the bank of the Blackwater River on property owned by Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. There was nutria sign prevalent on the island and no indication prior to setting the trap that eagles were using the island as a loafing structure. The eagle was captured in a single trap that was not located near any other traps or near any apparent source of bait or carrion. The trap was attached to a cable anchored in deep water on a set designed to drown captured nutria. The nearest trap was set several hundred meters away. Unfortunately, the eagle had moved the trap along the cable into deeper water and was dead when the specialist arrived on the scene to check the trap. The specialist saw no indication that this incidental capture could have been predicted and this appears to be a completely random event.

The wildlife specialist provided immediate notification to Stephen Kendrot, district supervisor. Kendrot then provided verbal notification of incidental take to State Director Sullivan and USFWS CBFO Deputy Field Supervisor Tom McCabe. Craig Toppie of the CBFO then contacted Kendrot to request written documentation of the circumstances surrounding the incidental catch.

If there are questions regarding the specifics of this incidental take, please contact me at 410-221-7857.

Steve Kendrot

**Sullivan, Kevin (APHIS)**

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**From:** Stephen R Kendrot/MD/APHIS/USDA  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2005 11:47 AM  
**To:** craig\_koppie@fws.gov  
**Cc:** Kevin Sullivan; Tom\_McCabe@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Incidental take- Bald Eagle  
**Attachments:** BAEA\_IncTakeNotif.doc

Craig,

I have attached the memo you requested documenting the specifics of the incidental take of a juvenile bald eagle during nutria eradication efforts. We will hold the carcass on ice until you can make arrangements for its pick up. I may be able to drop it off to your office this afternoon if need be.

*(See attached file: BAEA\_IncTakeNotif.doc)*

Steve

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WT range	Date	Property	#fated
WTs 1 to 1			

**WT 1 of 1 by Date (01/14/05)**

<b>WorkTask for: Mario Eusi Direct Control</b>	
<b>Work Date:</b>	01/14/2005 (Entry Date: 03/02/2005)
<b>Agreement:</b>	BLACKWATER NWR
<b>Property:</b>	BLACKWATER NWR:MD:20005
<b>Activity:</b>	TRAPPING (PERFORMED)
<b>Activity Measurements:</b>	4 HOURS
<b>Conflict &amp; Loss:</b>	NUTRIAS burrowing/digging of <b>WETLANDS</b>
<b>Components &amp; Take/Samples:</b>	Cmp: TRAPS, Foothold checked 12 EA Cmp Take: 1 EA EAGLESBALD KILLED NonI NonT Cmp: TRAPS, BODY GRIP CHECKED 18 EA Cmp: TRAPS, Foothold removed 3 EA
<b>Remarks:</b>	
<b>Project:</b>	