

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
Washington

ORDER NO. 3281

SIGNATURE DATE: January 16, 2009

Subject: Temporary Redlegation of Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to temporarily redelegate all functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks that are not required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. It is intended to ensure uninterrupted management and execution of the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the interim period before a successor assumes the duties of the position under governing laws and procedures.

Sec. 2 **Authority.** This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 3 **Delegation.** The authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in 209 DM 6 and 109 DM 6, as well as any other applicable Departmental Manual chapters, is hereby redelegated to the Assistant Deputy Secretary, except for those functions or duties that are required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. Any functions or duties assigned by statute or regulation exclusively to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks will be performed by me, in accordance with the Vacancies Reform Act, 5 U.S.C. ' ' 3345 - 3349d.

Sec. 4 **Order of Succession.** The current Designation of Successors for Presidentially-Appointed and Senate Confirmed Positions for positions in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, is hereby modified to specify that none of the positions identified therein shall be construed to be the position of "first assistant," as that term is used in the Vacancies Reform Act.

Sec. 5 **Limitation.** This redelegation does not supersede existing delegations of authority from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks to subordinate officials, except that such subordinate officials will report to and receive direction from the Assistant Deputy Secretary for the duration of the term of this Order.

Sec. 6 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective at noon on January 20, 2009. It will automatically expire either upon the commencement of service of a new Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, or upon the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in accordance with the Vacancies Reform Act. In the absence of the foregoing actions, it will remain in effect until extended, modified, or revoked.

/s/ DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Secretary of the Interior

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