ENDANGERED SPECIES INVENTORY CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED

by Mark Runnals

I have accepted my appointment as Endangered Species Inventory Co-ordinator and will conduct a species inventory. It is important that we have breeder co-operation in providing information from breeding records - information that will make possible a change in the regulations governing captive bred endangered species.

It is important to keep in mind that: 1. It is NOT illegal to possess endangered species.

- 2. It is NOT illegal to sell them within the state.
- 3. It is NOT illegal to ship endangered species from one state to the next, IF the bird is a loan or gift.
- 4. It is possible to get permits for commercial out-of-state sales if the sale is for breeding purposes.

The below list of criteria must be ob-

tained for each species we hope to reclassify. The information must be accurate. The sources of this information, i.e., names of breeders, will be kept confidential. Now that the Black-hooded Red Siskin is endangered, you canary breeders will need to provide information on Siskin breedings and first cross Red Factor breedings.

The following eight items must be answered for each species in so far as is possible, and submitted to the Department of Interior:

- 1. The approximate number of individuals of the species in captivity in the U.S.
- 2. The approximate age and sex ratios of the captive population, i.e. approximately 1:1 ratio, mostly breeding age,
- 3. The number of individual breeders

who have bred the species in captivity.

- 4. The number of generation of the species that have been successfully bred in captivity.
- 5. The likelihood that persons owning or controlling such captive endangered species will co-operate in insuring the continued existence of, and reproduction of such captive species.
- 6. The number of requests to take or import wild caught individuals of an endangered species received by Interior during the 24 months immediately prior to the date consideration of the reclassification to "captive, self-sustaining populations" was undertaken.
- 7. The ratio of wild born versus captive born specimens of the species.
- 8. Such other factors as the Director (of Fish and Wildlife) may deem appropriate.

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