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Not electronic	N/A	Letter of 12 July 2004 to British Waterways from Iain Henderson, Conservation Management Team, Central Science Laboratory. Barnet Democratic Services have the copy.

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WELSH HARP JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

28 October 2004

REPORT NO : /2004 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

FOR INFORMATION

NAME OF WARD:
Welsh Harp, Dollis Hill, All

NORTH AMERICAN RUDDY DUCKS AT THE BRENT RESERVOIR

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This is a covering report concerning the request received in the attached letter of 12 July 2004 from the government's Central Science Laboratory to British Waterways. The request is for permission to undertake a cull of the North American Ruddy Ducks at the Brent Reservoir. The cull would be part of a Government programme to control the introduced North American Ruddy Duck in the UK and Europe; and hence to help conserve the globally threatened but closely related White-headed Duck in Spain.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to advise officers to investigate the implications of either going ahead with or not going ahead with the proposed cull, including any legal issues, and taking into account the views of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee. If necessary, to report to the appropriate Committees of the Councils.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None specific. Any cull, if agreed, would be undertaken by the Central Science Laboratory at their expense. They have Public Liability Insurance and which includes cover for the control methods.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None specific.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposal for the cull is that inter-breeding of the North American Ruddy Duck is threatening the survival of the White-headed Duck in Spain. Locally a cull may have various environmental implications.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (S28H) in relation to culls at Sites of Special Scientific Interest.
- 6.2 Bonn Convention (Article III (4c)) requires the UK government to endeavour to control factors that are endangering the (White-headed Duck).
- 6.3 Bern Convention (Article 11 (2b)) requires the UK to strictly control the introduction of non-native species.
- 6.4 Convention on Biodiversity (Article 8 h).
- 6.5 Ruddy Duck control in England is carried out by the Central Science Laboratory under licence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

7.0 DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None specific.

8.0 DETAIL

North American Ruddy Ducks at the Brent Reservoir

- 8.1 This is a covering report. Please refer to the letter from the government's Central Science Laboratory to British Waterways of 12 July 2004 which provides some background information. British Waterways will report verbally to the Committee.

9.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Details of Documents:

- 9.1 Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Mr Leslie Williams, Environmental Policy Officer, Brent Parks Service, 660 Harrow Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 2HB. Tel.: 020 8937 5628. E-mail: Leslie.Williams@Brent.gov.uk

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