PGC GROUSE PARTS COLLECTION SURVEY - INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for helping with this important survey! Please follow the instructions below as closely as possible so that we get the best information from your efforts.

IF YOU HARVEST A GROUSE

Collecting Feather Samples

- A) Pluck one central tail feather from each bird killed (see diagram). If you don't want to submit a tail feather, please submit rump and wing feathers. These samples are still valuable.
- B) Pluck two or three rump
 feathers (see diagram for
 location). Rump feathers are
 located on the lower portion
 of the back but do not extend out onto the tail.
 THESE FEATHERS ARE
 VITAL TO IDENTIFYING SEX. PLEASE SUBMIT!
- C) Collect the three outer wing feathers from one wing of each bird. Do NOT pluck or

- cut them. Instead, cut the wing tip off at the outer joint (see diagram). DO NOT SEPARATE THE 3 FEATHERS. LEAVE THEM ATTACHED TO THE WING STRUCTURE.
- D) DO NOT CUT ANY FEATHER OFF AT THE SHAFT. The full length of the feathers and quills must be examined.

Preparing to Mail Sample

- A) Lay feathers on window sill to dry for a day or two if needed. Do not mail wet.
- B) Do NOT send the meaty part of the wing, just the outer joint and primaries. If some blood or sinew is attached, lay out to dry before mailing.
- C) Wrap sample in one or two layers of paper towels for mailing. DO NOT use plastic wrap or baggies for shipping. This leads to rot and

Post Office will reject.

- D) Place ONE bird's sample in ONE envelope. Do NOT mix samples from different birds, dates, or hunts into one envelope. Separate envelopes are provided for separate birds.
- E) You can receive more envelopes by calling Joan at 717-787-5529.

Labeling Postage Paid Envelopes -

Please be sure to provide ALL of the information requested on back of the envelope. It is important to provide your Name,

County and Township of kill,

WMU of kill, and Date of Hunt so we can compare data from different regions.

** IF USING YOUR OWN ENVE-LOPES, MAIL TO: PGC GROUSE SURVEY 2001 ELMERTON AVE HARRISBURG PA 17110-9797

