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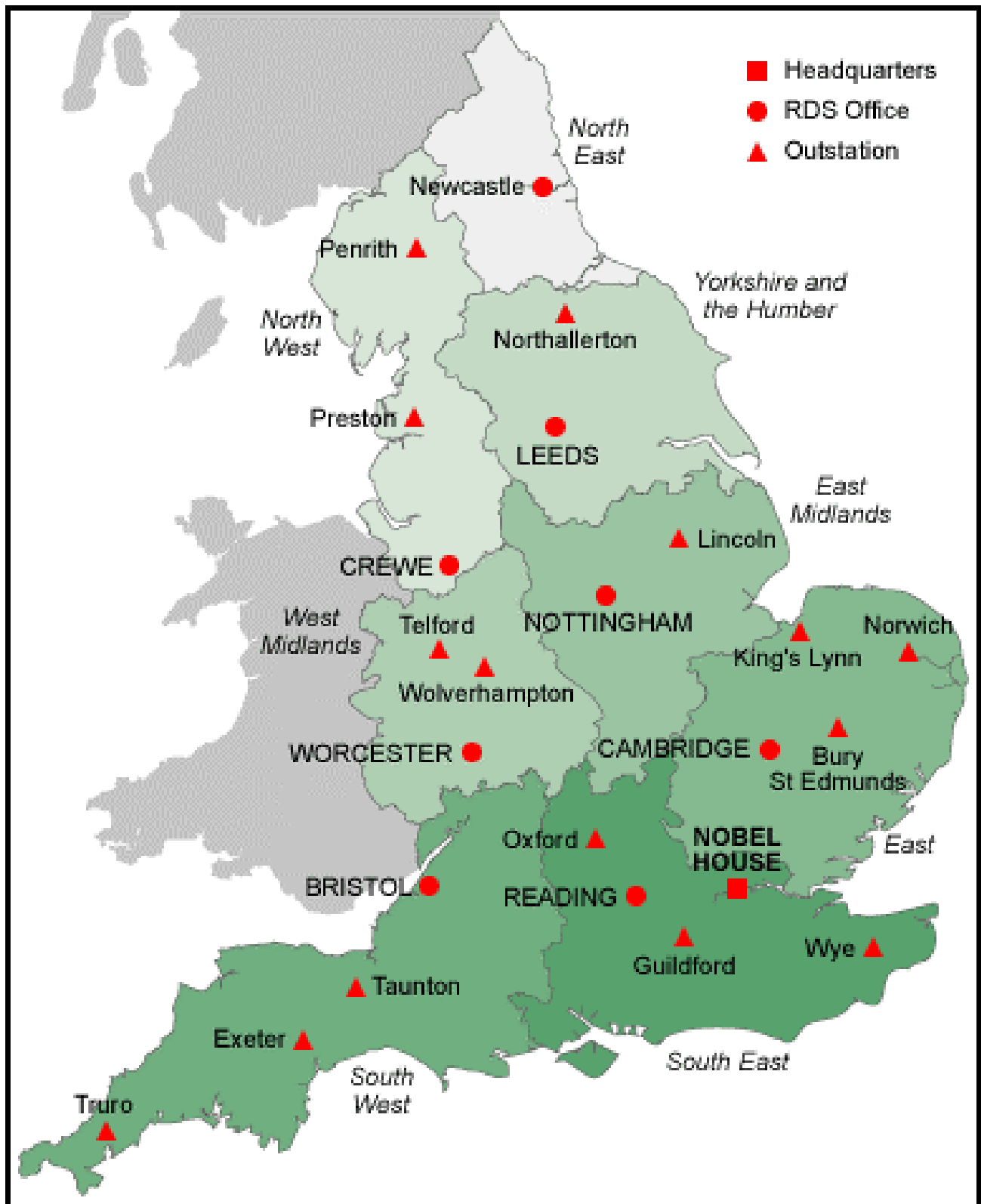
1. During the 2002-2003 season (01 May to 30 April) the number of licences applied for in England and the outcome of those applications are presented below (the figures for the previous season (2001-2002) are shown in brackets):

	NUMBER OUTSTANDING (From previous season)	LICENCE APPLICATIONS Plus those outstanding	NUMBER REFUSED	NUMBER GRANTED	NUMBER WITHDRAWN	NUMBER OUTSTANDING (At close of season)
Cormorant	3	184 (136)	50 (39)	119 (94)	4	11
Grey Heron	1	28 (22)	10 (5)	17 (16)	0	1
Goosander	1	8 (6)	5 (4)	2 (1)	1	0
Merganser	1	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1	0
Total	6	221	65	138	6	12

- The majority of applications were for still-water fisheries (138) as opposed to river situations (83). Of the 138 licences granted, 50 were granted for river fisheries and 88 for still waters. One hundred and nineteen licences were granted for Cormorants, 17 for Grey Herons and 2 for Goosanders. None were granted for Mergansers.
- A total of 698 birds were licensed to be shot, 603 Cormorants, 86 Grey Herons and 9 Goosanders. The number of birds actually shot was 319, i.e. 284 Cormorants and 35 Herons.
- Licence applications were received from throughout the country and the most important area, accounting for almost a third of applications received, was the South East.
- A detailed set of statistics is set out in the appendix.
- The Department would welcome any comments and suggestions you may have on the operational aspects of the licensing system.

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Defra government area boundaries and Regional Development Service (RDS) offices



Appendix

Details of licence applications for piscivorous birds in England 2002-2003

Cormorants

Period - 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received plus outstanding at outset		No. of licences granted		No. of applications refused & withdrawn		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot:		Actual no. of birds shot		No. of applications outstanding at close of year	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	1	-	23	1	10	0	12	1	75	-	31	-	1	-
East Midlands	2	-	7	3	6	1	1	3	25	8	10	6	0	0
North East	-	-	4	0	4	-	0	-	36	-	14	-	0	-
North West	-	-	18	0	13	-	4	-	99	-	64	-	1	-
South East	-	-	33	25	27	19	5	5	137	59	58	25	1	1
South West	-	-	15	25	8	18	5	7	32	51	10	33	2	0
West Midlands	-	-	15	9	6	4	4	4	64	10	27	3	5	0
Yorks and the Humber	-	-	4	2	3	0	1	2	7	-	3	-	0	-
England	3	-	119	65	77	42	32	22	475	128	207	67	10	1
	3		184		119		54		603		284		11	

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Grey Heron

Period - 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received		No. of licences granted		No. of applications refused & withdrawn		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot		Actual no. of birds shot		No. of applications outstanding at close	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Midlands	-	-	1	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North East	-	-	1	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West	1	-	1	0	1	-	0	-	7	-	2	-	-	-
South East	-	-	7	11	7	8	0	3	41	23	17	9	-	-
South West	-	-	2	0	1	-	1	-	15	-	7	-	-	-
West Midlands	-	-	3	0	0	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Yorks and the Humber	-	-	2	0	0	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England	1	-	17	11	9	8	7	3	63	23	26	9	1	0
	1		28		17		10		86		35		1	

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Goosander

Period - 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received plus outstanding at outset		No. of licences granted		No. of applications refused & withdrawn		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot for:		Actual no. of birds shot for:		No. of applications outstanding at close	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
East Midlands	0	1	0	1	-	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	0
North East	0	0	1	0	1	-	0	-	5	-	0	-	0	0
North West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
South East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
South West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
West Midlands	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	5	4	-	-	-	0	0
Yorks and the Humber	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
England	0	1	2	6	2	0	0	6	9	-	0	-	0	0
	1		8		2		6		9		0		0	

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Merganser

Period - 1 May 2002 to 30 April 2003

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received plus outstanding at outset		No. of licences granted		No. of applications refused & withdrawn		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot		Actual no. of birds shot		No. of applications outstanding at close	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
East Midlands	0	1	0	1	-	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	0
North East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
North West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
South East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
South West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
West Midlands	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Yorks and the Humber	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
England	0	0	0	1	-	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	0
	1		1		0		1		-		-		0	