

PURPOSES OF INNOKO REFUGE

Section 302.3.B of ANILCA sets forth the following major purposes for which the Innoko Refuge was established and shall be managed:

- (i) to conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity including, but not limited to, waterfowl, peregrine falcons, other migratory birds, black bear, moose, furbearers, and other mammals and salmon;
- (ii) to fulfill the international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats.
- (iii) to provide, in a manner consistent with the purposes set forth in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents; and
- (iv) to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable and in a manner consistent with the purposes set forth in paragraph (i), water quality and necessary water quality within the Refuge.

A. HIGHLIGHTS

- Considerable time and effort was expended throughout the year complying with compatibility lawsuit requirements (Section D-4).
- Refuge Manager position upgraded to a GS-13 (Section E-1).
- RAPS program grows as three students are selected from surrounding villages (Section E-2 and H-1).
- Cultural Resources explored and catalogued including the discovery of the location of Innoko City (Section E-8).
- Visit by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Mollie Beattie and Regional Director Walter Stieglitz (Section E-8).
- Fire fuels and vegetation habitat data collected at approximately 530 sites (Section F-9).
- Pair counts conducted on the Refuge by Migratory Bird Management (Section G-3).
- Intensive neotropical migrant survey completed in conjunction with fuels mapping project (Section G-7).
- Through cooperative efforts a new technique for surveying moose is field tested (Section G-8).
- Browse surveys conducted in critical winter moose habitat show high utilization (Section G-8).
- The last year of the Central Flyway Commission's five year white-fronted goose banding effort on the Innoko Refuge is completed (Section G-16).
- Second annual Earth Week celebration at the McGrath School (Section H-2).
- Another successful and educational Science Camp completed (Section H-2).
- Refuge sponsors weekly radio program on KSKO McGrath/KIYU Galena entitled "Alaska Naturally" (Section H-7).
- Two major MMS projects involving facility rehabilitation at two residences and the field headquarters were completed (Section I-2).