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Dear Reader:

This is the Draft Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Plan) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The final version of this Plan will guide management of the refuge for the next 15 years. This Plan outlines three management alternatives, including our preferred alternative, and presents our evaluation of the environmental consequences of each alternative. Additionally, the refuge manager's preliminary reviews of the compatibility of refuge uses with refuge purposes are presented in Appendix E, Compatibility Determinations.

Please provide comments on the Draft Plan by January 18, 2008. Comments should be specific, addressing merits of the alternatives and adequacy of the environmental analysis. We will consider your comments as we prepare the Final Plan. Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived is not raised until after completion of the Final Plan.

Public meetings will be held in Tok and other area communities during the public review period. Meeting dates, times, and locations will be announced locally.

All comments received will become part of the public record for this action. Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

You may view the Draft Plan online at <http://www.r7.fws.gov/nwr/planning/plans.htm>, or obtain it on a compact disk.

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*We thank everyone who participated in the planning and public involvement process.
Your comments helped us prepare a better plan for the future of Tetlin Refuge.*

Compatibility Determinations

Determining the compatibility of uses is a key process by which refuge managers decides what activities will be allowed on national wildlife refuges. An essential element in the process is providing the public an opportunity to provide input for the refuge manager to consider as he or she determines if a use is compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established.

Compatibility determinations are required for all economic and public use activities, as well as for recreational and educational facilities provided by the refuge, and for refuge management economic activities. Compatibility determinations are not required for refuge management activities such as scientific studies or surveys; historic preservation activities; law enforcement activities, and maintenance of refuge management facilities, structures, and improvement. Economic uses must contribute to achieving refuge purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

We reevaluate compatibility determinations for existing wildlife-dependent recreational uses when we prepare or revise a comprehensive conservation plan, or every 15 years, whichever is sooner. We reevaluate other uses every 10 years, or sooner, if conditions change or significant new information relative to the use and its effects becomes available.

As part of the review of this Draft Plan, you are invited to provide relevant information or comment on the compatibility determinations for Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. A discussion of compatibility determinations can be found in Chapter 3, section 3.2.4. The analysis in Chapter 5 may provide a starting point on which to base your comments. The complete text of each draft compatibility determination can be found in Appendix E.

Public comment on the draft compatibility determinations will be addressed in the final determination to be released with the Final Plan. More information on the compatibility process can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/compdeter.htm>.