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There has been relatively few comments regarding the potential effects of increased barge traffic in Kuskokwim Bay. Increased barge traffic could affect behavior of wildlife in the bay. At certain times of year the bay is a critical habitat for wildlife species. For example, some endangered species of waterfowl stage in the bay after breeding. If there is an oil spill that could be detrimental to these wildlife. Increased traffic could also affect marine mammals, such as beluga. This species is relatively sensitive to disturbance such as noise. If barges are passing through the feeding areas of these belugas it could be disruptive to the population. Furthermore the routing of traffic might be important to minimize the chances of collisions.

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