

Management is now used as an approach for setting duck-hunting regulations in the United States and provides a framework for making objective decisions despite continued uncertainty about waterfowl population dynamics and regulatory impacts. The Alaska migratory bird subsistence regulations have been in existence since 2003. These developments and others make it desirable to supplement the preceding EIS documents and reexamine some of the issues associated with the issuance of annual regulations.

Issue Resolution and Environmental Review

We intend to develop a supplemental EIS on the "Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds," beginning the process with this announcement. Federal and State agencies, private conservation organizations, and all other interested parties and individuals are invited to participate in the process by presenting their views on the subject. We seek suggestions and comments regarding the scope and substance of this supplemental EIS, particular issues to be addressed and why, and options or alternatives to be considered. In particular, in regard to the scope and substance of this supplemental EIS, we seek comments on the following:

- (1) Harvest management alternatives for migratory game birds to be considered,
- (2) Limiting the scope of the assessment to sport hunting (*i.e.*, exclusion of the Alaska migratory bird subsistence process), and
- (3) Inclusion of basic regulations (methods and means).

Comments should be forwarded to the above address by the deadline indicated. We will conduct the development of this supplemental EIS in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), other appropriate federal regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. We are furnishing this Notice in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7, to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies, tribes, and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the supplemental EIS.

Public Scoping Meetings

A schedule of public scoping meeting dates, locations, and times is not available at this time. We will publish a notice of any such meetings in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 24, 2005.

Matt Hogan,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Big Game Guiding on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services in six guide use areas on five national wildlife refuges in Alaska.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked by, or hand delivered to the Alaska Regional Office at the address indicated below by, November 14, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tony Booth or Debbie Steen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System—Alaska, Division of Visitor Services and Communications, 1011 East Tudor Road, M.S. 235, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; Telephone: (907) 786-3384 (Tony) or (907) 786-3665 (Debbie).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services within guide use areas on four national wildlife refuges in Alaska that have become vacant or may become vacant soon. We will authorize big game guiding services on these areas for the period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010. We will award permits to conduct guiding services in these areas through a competitive selection process that is described in the prospectus. The offerings will include the following guide use areas:

Alaska Maritime Refuge—AKM-03
Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuge—
BCH-06

Arctic Refuge—ARC-01, ARC-08

Kanuti Refuge—KAN-01

Koyukuk Refuge—KOY-02

Interested qualified guides who apply for the guide areas on the Arctic Refuge should be aware that the availability of both of those areas is uncertain at this time because the existing permittee may seek reconsideration or appeal a decision to not renew the permits. Interested qualified guides who apply for the guide area on the Koyukuk Refuge should be aware that the Service is in the process of revoking the existing

KOY-02 permit. Since the Service does not plan to issue a separate notice for the Arctic and Koyukuk offerings, interested parties should submit proposals in response to this notice.

We will send a letter announcing these offerings to all State of Alaska-registered big game guides. You must postmark or hand deliver proposals to the Service at the address indicated above by 4 p.m., November 14, 2005.

Copies of the solicitation are available to any interested party by calling or writing the above telephone number or address.

Rowan W. Gould,

Regional Director, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the formulation of the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee under 25 CFR 170.155-158.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior is appointing tribal regional representatives to the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program Coordinating Committee (Committee) as outlined under 25 CFR 170. The IRR final rules amending 25 CFR 170 include establishing a Committee to provide input and recommendations to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in developing IRR Program policies and procedures and to coordinate with and obtain input from tribes, BIA, and FHWA.

The Secretary announced on February 13, 2005, the request for nominations from tribal governments for representatives and alternates to serve on the Committee. Based on review of those nominations, the Secretary is announcing the representatives who will serve on the Committee in each of the 12 BIA regions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 20-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202-513-7711 or Fax 202-208-4696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRR final rules amending 25 CFR 170, effective November 13, 2004, are the