

**Revised Comprehensive
Conservation Plan
and
Environmental Impact Statement**

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge



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The comprehensive conservation plan details program planning levels that are substantially greater than current budget allocations and, as such, is for strategic planning and program prioritization purposes only. This plan does not constitute a commitment for staffing increases or funding for future refuge-specific land acquisitions, construction projects, or operational and maintenance increases.

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Dear Reader:

The Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Plan) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will guide management of Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge for the next 15 years. This Plan outlines four management alternatives, including the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's preferred alternative, and presents the Service's evaluation of the environmental consequences of each of those alternatives.

To develop this final Plan, we analyzed and considered the comments received on the Draft Plan, which was released in October 2004.

The Plan provides management direction for activities and uses of Kodiak Refuge, goals and objectives for refuge programs, and compatibility determinations for the current uses of the Refuge. The major change between the Draft Plan and this final Plan is that we modified the amount of refuge land proposed for reclassification to Minimal Management. Rather than only 12, 321 acres under Moderate Management, Alternative D (the Preferred Alternative) now includes 31, 521 acres under Moderate Management. We clarified the role of public use regulations under Alternatives B, C, and D if voluntary use guidelines are not effective; clarified the differences between current and proposed management related to introduction/reintroduction of fish and wildlife species; and added aquaculture support facilities to the list of possible uses of the Refuge (Tables 2-2 and 2-5). We have revised the language addressing Service jurisdiction over waters within the boundaries of Kodiak Refuge.

We will publish a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after release of this final Plan. The Record of Decision will present the rationale for selecting the course of action that will be followed by the Refuge.

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