

Appendix G: Compatibility Determinations

In accordance with the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, no uses for which the Service has authority to regulate may be allowed on a unit of Refuge System unless it is determined to be compatible. A compatible use is a use that, in the sound professional judgment of the refuge manager, will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife Refuge System mission or the purposes of the national wildlife refuge. Managers must complete a written compatibility determination for each use, or collection of like-uses, that is signed by the manager and the Regional Chief of Refuges in the respective Service region.

Draft compatibility determinations applicable to uses described in the CCP were included in the Draft CCP and available for a 30-day review period.

The signed compatibility determinations are available for review at Refuge Headquarters. Compatibility determinations were prepared and approved for:

- Environmental Education
- Farming
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Interpretation
- Research by Third Parties
- Wildlife Observation and Photography

