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of fish and wildlife habitats

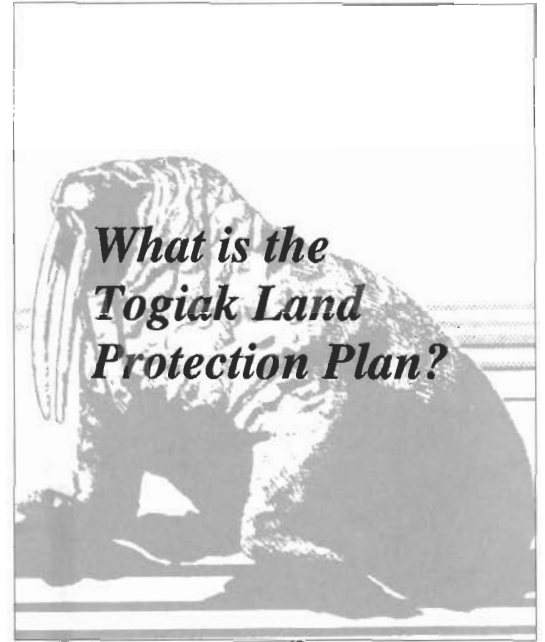
Togiak

National Wildlife Refuge

Summary

The Togiak Land Protection Plan (LPP) identifies which privately-owned lands within the refuge boundaries contain valuable fish and wildlife habitat. These lands are ranked as high, medium, or low priority (Figure 10, page 75) depending on their relative value to fish and wildlife.

In some cases, we may want to buy some of these lands, **but only from people who wish to sell**. Some landowners may be interested in preserving the natural state of their lands even though they are not interested in selling. The LPP identifies ways that we can work together with the landowner to help conserve wildlife habitats on these privately-owned lands. For instance we may buy a conservation easement, enter into a cooperative management agreement, or propose a land trade. In many cases, privately-owned fish and wildlife habitats may already be sufficiently protected and no additional action would be recommended by the Service.



The refuge system was created to maintain and restore fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing use and benefit of the public. The Togiak Refuge contains important habitat for salmon, caribou, brown bears and many other species and was set aside for the conservation of these species and their habitats. We want to maintain these wildlife populations so that people can enjoy them now and in the future.

We are also concerned that habitats be conserved on privately-owned lands within the refuge boundary. The focus of this plan is on these private lands within the refuge. The LPP sets priorities for acquisition, or other land protection measures, based on the resource value of these lands. The LPP is required by Service policy, however, it does **not** obligate the Service or the landowner to implement any land protection measure. Rather, it is a management tool that guides refuge land protection activities and provides the framework for refuge and private landowner cooperation.

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for
Togiak National Wildlife Refuge
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