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## **Comment Period Extended and Hearings Scheduled for Proposed 2009 Subsistence Migratory Bird Harvest Regulations in Alaska**

We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the location, date, and time of four public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed migratory bird subsistence harvest regulations in Alaska for the 2009 season. The proposed regulations would enable the continuation of customary and traditional subsistence uses of migratory birds in Alaska and prescribe regional information on when and where the harvesting of birds may occur. These proposed regulations are accessible at <http://alaska.fws.gov/ambcc/news.htm>. We are also extending the public comment period until February 19, 2009. If you submitted comments previously, you do not need to resubmit them because we have already incorporated them into the public record and we will fully consider them in preparation of our final determination.

**DATES:** *Public hearings:* We will hold four public hearings in Alaska on this proposed rule as described below; all meetings will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

- January 26, 2009, the Inupiat Heritage Center, 5421 North Star St., Barrow, AK 99723;
- January 27, 2009, the Robert James Community Center, Wainwright, AK;
- January 28, 2009, the Community Center, Point Lay, AK; and
- January 29, 2009, the Qargi Community Center, Point Hope, AK.

All of the meetings will start with a question and answer session, followed by a public comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: RIN 1018-AW29; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203. We will not accept e-mail or faxes. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us.

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