

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 346
Bethel, Alaska 99559

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 30, 2005

The Refuge Manager of Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is preparing a compatibility determination for proposed grazing of reindeer on part of the refuge and is inviting public comments. This compatibility determination will evaluate how this grazing operation will impact Refuge lands. This proposal is to provide winter range for up to 750 reindeer. This determination will only evaluate the effects of the project on the refuge lands and focus on how the project would affect the ability of the Refuge to achieve its purposes.

We invite the public to comment on whether this project will materially interfere with or detract from the Refuge's purposes including: conserving fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; fulfilling international treaty obligations with respect to fish, wildlife and their habitats; providing opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents; and insuring water quality and quantity within the refuge. Comments received by July 29, 2005 will be considered in making that determination with a final decision within 30 days after the comment period. Please view the draft compatibility determination online at:

<http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/>

Copies of the draft compatibility determination can be obtained by calling (907)543-3151. Comments must be received by the Refuge within the 30 day comment period to receive consideration. Comments should be sent to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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ATTN: Compatibility Determination Comments

Or emailed to: michael_reardon@fws.gov

For more information contact the refuge at the above address.