

Summary

The National Wildlife Refuge system was created to maintain and restore fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing use and benefit of the public. The Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge was set aside for the conservation of waterfowl, migratory birds, furbearers, moose and many other species. The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is to maintain these wildlife populations so that people can enjoy them now and in the future.

Although our main focus is on Refuge lands, we are also concerned that important habitats be conserved on privately owned-lands within the Refuge boundaries. The Tetlin Refuge Land Protection Plan identifies those private lands that provide key fish and wildlife habitats or other resources important for management of the Refuge. These lands have been ranked as high, medium, or low



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priority based on their relative value to fish, wildlife and other natural resources on the Tetlin Refuge (see Figure 5, page 55). This plan does not require either the landowners or the Service to take any action. Instead, it serves as a guide to help landowners who may want to work with us to further protect resources on their lands.

There are a number of ways interested landowners can work with us. We may be able to develop a cooperative management agreement, buy a conservation easement, or trade lands. In some cases, we may be willing to buy certain lands from people who wish to sell. However, we only work with willing landowners. It is also important to note that many private lands are already sufficiently protected, and we would not recommend taking any additional actions.

Service policy requires that a Land Protection Plan is prepared for each refuge. However, this plan does not obligate the Service or the landowner to implement any land protection measures recommended. Rather, it serves as a management tool to guide refuge land protection activities and provide a framework for refuge and private landowner cooperation.

Land Protection Plan
for
Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge
Tok, Alaska



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