



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan

Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mission Statement

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.



Refuge Mission Statement

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and, where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

—National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997

The comprehensive conservation plan details program planning levels that are substantially greater than current budget allocations and, as such, is for strategic planning and program prioritization purposes only. This plan does not constitute a commitment for staffing increases or funding for future refuge-specific land acquisitions, construction projects, or operational and maintenance increases.

Photo: *Lynx (Lynx Canadensis)* is a predator common throughout the northern boreal forests of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. (Photo H. Timm, USFWS.)

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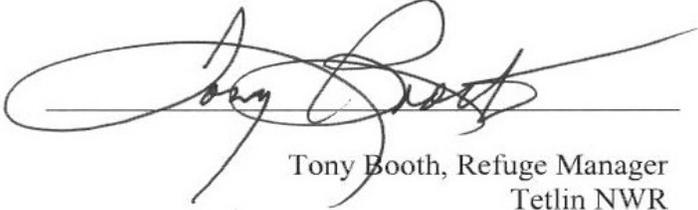
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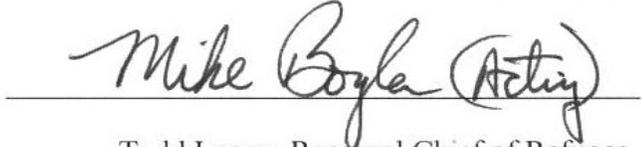
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Dear Reader:

The Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Plan) for Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge will guide management of the Refuge for the next 15 years. The Plan provides a vision, goals, and objectives for future management of the Refuge. It addresses the issues raised during public scoping and comments received during public review of the draft plan. Based upon comments received we adopted Alternative B (Preferred Alternative) from the draft plan.

Comments received during the public review of the draft plan and our responses to them are included in this document in Appendix J. The environmental assessment and draft plan are on file with our offices in Tok and Anchorage.

Draft compatibility determinations for Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge were included in the draft revised comprehensive conservation plan and comments were accepted as part of the review of this plan. Our responses to comments on those draft compatibility determinations can also be found in Appendix J. The final signed compatibility determinations are in Appendix E. A discussion of compatibility determinations can be found in Chapter 3, section 3.2.4.2. More information on the compatibility process can be found at the refuge office or at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/completed.htm>.

You may obtain a copy of the Plan, a summary, or a compact disk containing both at the offices listed below. You may also view the Plan on line at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/plans.htm>.

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*We thank everyone who participated in the planning and public involvement process.
Your comments helped us prepare a better plan for the future of Tetlin Refuge.*

