

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Extension of Comment Period:
Proposed Compatibility Regulations
Pursuant to the National Wildlife
Refuge System Improvement Act of
1997****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of
comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period on the **Federal Register** proposed rule dated September 9, 1999 (64 FR 49056) that invites the public to comment on our proposed compatibility regulations. We are also extending the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice dated September 9, 1999 (64 FR

49067) that invites the public to comment on our draft compatibility policy.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning these proposed compatibility regulations via mail, fax or email to: Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 670, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703)358-2248; e-mail Compatibility_Regulations_Comments@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Kurth, Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Telephone (703)358-1744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a **Federal Register** proposed rule dated September 9, 1999, we published our proposed compatibility regulations describing the process for determining whether or not a use of a national wildlife refuge is a compatible use. We

also published in a **Federal Register** notice dated September 9, 1999, our draft compatibility policy describing the process for determining whether or not a use of a national wildlife refuge is a compatible use. We received several requests to extend the public comment period beyond the November 8, 1999 due date. In order to ensure that the public has an adequate opportunity to review and comment on our draft policy and proposed regulations we are extending the comment period to December 8, 1999.

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Dated: November 9, 1999.

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