

VI. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

A. INTRODUCTION

On August 19, 1999, the Service, in cooperation with the Wildlife Services program of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on resident Canada goose management (Federal Register 1999c) (**Appendix 6**). The notice solicited public participation in the scoping process. Scoping is the initial stage of the EIS process used to identify issues, alternatives, and impacts to be addressed in the NEPA analysis. A notice was subsequently published on December 30, 1999, identifying nine public scoping meeting locations (Federal Register 1999d) (**Appendix 7**). At the scoping meetings, we accepted oral and/or written comments. All who wished to present comments were permitted to do so. Over 1,250 people attended the nine public scoping sessions. Public comments were accepted from the opening of the comment period on August 19, 1999, until March 30, 2000. Over 3,000 comments, including approximately 1,500 electronic comments, were received.

On March 1, 2002, and March 7, 2002, we published a Notice of Availability for a DEIS on resident Canada goose management (Federal Register 2002a; Federal Register 2002b) (**Appendix 12 and 13**). A subsequent notice was published on March 26, 2002, identifying eleven public meeting locations (Federal Register 2002c) (**Appendix 14**). At the meetings, we accepted either oral and/or written comments. All who wished to present comments were permitted to do so. Approximately 429 people attended the eleven public sessions. Public comments were accepted from the opening of the comment period on March 1, 2002, until May 30, 2002, and after publication of a subsequent notice, from August 21, 2003, until October 20, 2003 (Federal Register 2003) (**Appendix 15**). Thus, we considered all comments received between March 1, 2002, and October 20, 2003. Over 2,600 comments were received.

B. ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING SCOPING

A complete discussion of scoping comments is contained in a separate report Scoping/Public Participation Report for Environmental Impact Statement on Resident Canada Goose Management (**Appendix 8**). All comments were considered in the development of the draft EIS.

NEPA regulations state that only “reasonable” alternatives be evaluated. Determination of reasonableness was based on public involvement, interagency discussions, and professional judgment. Management options and suggestions included: controlling resident Canada goose populations, removing resident Canada geese from MBTA protection, additional hunting of resident geese, letting States manage resident geese, implementing a general depredation order on resident geese, community-based programs, increased airport control, habitat management, urban trapping, financial compensation for agricultural damages, increased research, increased funding, non-lethal methods and strategies, and increasing public education efforts.

In addition to private individuals, we received input from businesses, non-governmental groups (NGOs), local government agencies and associations, Federal agencies, State agencies, Flyway Councils and Canadian interests. Nineteen States (Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin) submitted comments on the management and control of resident Canada geese.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DEIS

Public comments were accepted between March 1, 2002, and October 20, 2003. Over 2,600 comments were received. A complete summary of comments is contained in a separate report Public Participation Report for Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Resident Canada Goose Management (Appendix 16). All comments were considered in the development of the FEIS. A complete discussion and analysis of these comments, along with the Service response, can be found in section X. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON DEIS AND SERVICE RESPONSE.**

In summary, 429 people attended the eleven public meetings and over 2,700 submitted written comments. Written comments were received from 2,657 private individuals, 33 State wildlife resource agencies, 37 non-governmental organizations, 29 local governments, 5 Federal/State legislators, 4 Flyway Councils, 4 Federal agencies, 3 tribes, 3 businesses, and 2 State agricultural agencies. Of the 2,657 comments received from private individuals, 56% opposed the preferred alternative and supported only non-lethal control and management alternatives, while 40% supported either the proposed alternative or a general depredation order.

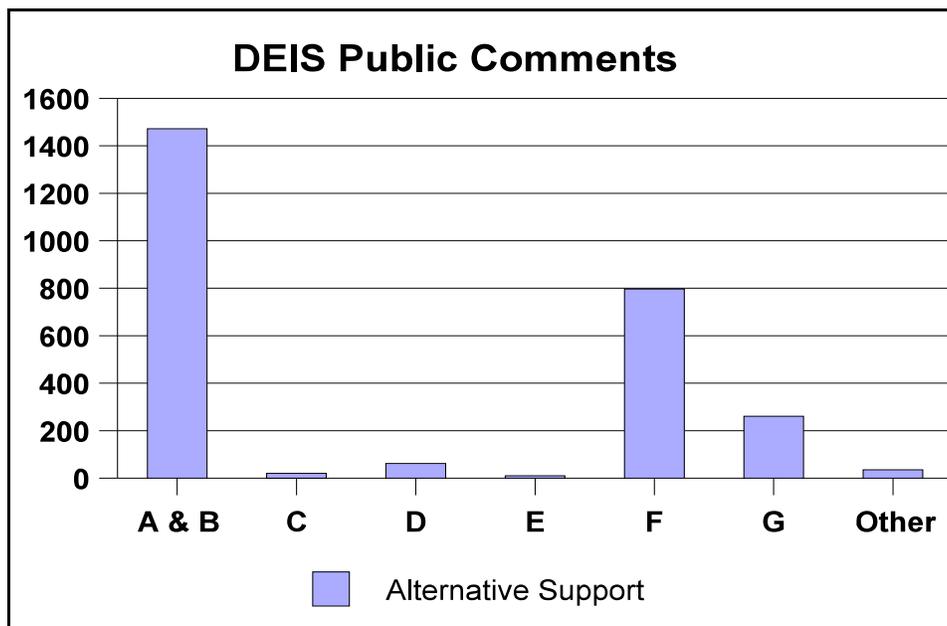


Figure VI-1. Summary of support for Alternatives expressed during public comment period on DEIS.

D. DISTRIBUTION OF DEIS

We assembled a mailing list of over 3,000 agencies, organization, and individuals for the DEIS. This list was constructed from the following: 1) the mailing list that the Division of Migratory Bird Management uses for its Federal Register notices; 2) individuals, organizations, and agencies that submitted comments in response to our Notice of Intent published on August 19, 1999, and 3) anyone else who asked to be

placed on our mailing list. We also posted the DEIS on our website (<http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>). A summary of agencies and organizations on our mailing list is presented below; however, this list may not be all-inclusive.

Federal Agencies

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Canadian Wildlife Service
Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Baltimore
Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Keystone Area Office, Oklahoma
United States Geological Survey, National Wildlife Health Center
Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region
Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services

Flyway Councils

Atlantic Flyway Council
Mississippi Flyway Council
Central Flyway Council
Pacific Flyway Council

State/Provincial Agencies

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Alabama Department of Cons. & Natural Resources
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Hawaii Division of Forestry & Wildlife
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
Nevada Division of Wildlife
New Jersey Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Comm
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
New Hampshire Fish & Game Department
New York Department of Environmental Conservation
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Pennsylvania Game Commission
Rhode Island Division of Fish & Wildlife
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Ohio Division of Natural Resources
Manitoba Dept. of Natural Resources & Energy
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
Quebec Ministere de l'Environnement et de la faune
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Missouri Department of Conservation
Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
North Dakota Game & Fish Department
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Department
Government of Northwest Territories Wildlife & Fisheries Division
Saskatchewan Environment & Resource Management
Arizona Game & Fish Department
California Department of Fish & Game
Colorado Division of Wildlife
Idaho Department of Fish & Game
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
Wyoming Game & Fish Department
Alberta Natural Resource Services
British Columbia Ministry of Environment & Parks
Yukon Dept. of Renewable Resources

Local Governments and Associations

Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department, MN
Arlington Heights Park District, IL
Borough of Allentown, NJ
Borough of Point Pleasant, NJ
Borough of Wharton, NJ
Borough of Avon by the Sea, NJ
Bellevue Parks and Community Services Department, Bellevue, WA
Berkeley Township, NJ
Bollingbrook Park District, IL
Brick, NJ
Bristol Water Department, CT
Bucks Conservation District, New Britain, PA
Buffalo Grove Park District, IL
Burlington County Board of Agriculture, NJ
Camden, ME
Camden County Department of Parks, NJ
City of Fairbury, NE
City of Mendota Heights, MN
City of Lacy, WA
City of Oshkosh Parks Department, WI
City of Redmond, WA
City of West Allis/Cedarburg, WI
County of Middlesex Department of Parks and Recreation, NJ
Candlewick Lake Association, Poplar Grove, IL
Canton Board of Park Commissioners, Canton, OH
Cherbourg Homeowners Association, Libertyville, IL
Citation Lake Homeowners Association, IL
Dover, NJ
Dover Township Board of Health, NJ
Dover Township Environmental Commission, NJ
DuPage Environmental Commission, IL
Eden Prairie, MN

Elm Grove, WI
 Emerald Green Property Owners Association, Inc, Rock Hill, NY
 Fairway Mews Community Association, Spring Lake Heights, NJ
 Gloucester County Planning Department, NJ
 Hartford/Bloomfield Connecticut Health District, CT
 Highland Park Park District, IL
 Hoffman Estates Park District, IL
 Horicon Police Department, Horicon, WI
 Town of Hunts Point, WA
 James River Park System, Richmond, VA
 Lake County Board, IL
 City of Lakewood Parks, Lakewood, CO
 Lake Intervale Management Association, Parsippany, NJ
 Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association, Parsippany, NJ
 Lake Tansi Property Owners Association, Crossville, TN
 Lewis County Department of Community Services, WA
 Marple Environmental Advisory Board, PA
 Manmouth County Park Board of Commissioners, NJ
 Manmouth County Water Resources Commission, NJ
 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, MN
 Minnesota State Senate, James Metzen, 39th District
 Morris Township Health Department, NJ
 New Jersey Senator Joseph Kymollos Jr.
 Northbrook Park District, IL
 North Penn Water Authority
 Ocean County Board of Health, NJ
 Oregon State Senate, Ted Ferrioli
 Packanaack Lack Country Club and Community Association, NJ
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Paul Clymer
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Thomas Corrigan
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Gene DiGirolamo
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Charles McIlhinney
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, David Steil
 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Mathew Wright
 Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension, Bucks County, PA
 Redmond Parks and Recreation Department, WA
 Regent Park Property Owners Association, IL
 City of Renton Parks, WA
 Salt Creek Rural Park District, IL
 Schaumburg Park District, IL
 Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, WA
 Shadow Lake Village Condominium Association, Inc., NJ
 Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Bridgeport, CT
 City of Sioux Falls, SD
 Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation, SD
 Streamwood Park District, IL
 Sussex County Board of Agriculture, NJ
 Thiensville, WI
 Trumbull, CT
 Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department, Tukwila, WA
 Upper Schuylkill Valley Park, PA
 U.S. House of Representatives, James Greenwood, 8th District, PA
 U.S. House of Representatives, Jim Saxton, 3rd District, NJ
 U.S. House of Representatives, James T. Walsh, 25th District, NY
 Warren County Parks, OH
 Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, WI
 West Bend Park, Recreation & Forestry Department
 West Long Branch Governing Body and Environmental Commission, NJ
 Wheaton Park District, IL
 Woodland Community Association, VA
 Wyndam Manor Homeowners Association, Northbrook, IL
 Lincoln Airport Authority, NE
 Medford Commons Association, Medford, NJ
 Middle Township, NJ
 Overlook Village Homeowners Association, Wharton, NJ
 Rockford Park District, IL
 Stillwater Township, NJ

Town of Chester, WI
Town of Clarkstown, NY
Township of Lakewood Board of Health, NJ
Township of Lakewood Department of Public Works, NJ
Township of Manchester, NJ
Village of Ridgewood Department of Parks and Recreation, NJ
Washington County Park System, WI

Organizations

National Audubon Society
International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America
Wildlife Information Center Inc.
The Wildlife Society
Wildlife Management Institute
Finger Lakes & Western New York Waterfowlers Association
Delta Waterfowl Foundation
Outdoor Writers Assoc. of America, Inc.
National Wildlife Federation
Defenders of Wildlife
World Society for the Protection of Animals
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
California Waterfowl Association
Waterfowl Improvement Assoc.
Texas Falconry Advisory Board
Texas Waterfowl Outfitters
American Bird Conservancy
Wildlife Management Institute
New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
Safaria Club International
Arlington Sportsman's Club
Animal Alliance of Canada
Voices for Animals
World Society for the Protection of Animals
Oakville Humane Society
Etobicoke Humane Society
Marion County Humane Society
Wildlife Watch and Affiliates, LC
Kenora & District Humane Society
Arnprior & District Humane Society
Alliston & District Humane Society
Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre
Animal Protection Institute
Arnprior & District Humane Society
The Peoria Humane Society
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters Assoc.
Illinois Waterfowlers Alliance, Inc.
Conservation Federation of Missouri
KAW Valley Sportsmen's Association
Boulder County Audubon Society
Alabama Waterfowl Association Inc.
Animal Protection Institute
Anti-vivisection Society of America
Association of Lakes of Putnam County
Bloomingdale Republican Club
Brandywine Grange #60, PA
Brookings Wildlife Federation
Buck's County Farm Bureau
Canada Goose Conservation Society
Capable Partners
Churchill Nature Center
Citizens for the Preservation of Wildlife, Inc.
Citizens to Save South Valley Park and Whetstone Run, MD
Coalition for Animal Rights Education
Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen

Coalition to Prevent the Destruction of Canada Geese
 Coalition to Protect Canada Geese
 Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting
 Committee to Save our Wetlands
 Connecticut Association of Golf Course Supervisors
 Connecticut Farm Bureau Association
 Connecticut Harbor Management Association
 Delaware Action for Animals Inc.
 Delaware Riverkeeper Network
 Doris Day Animal League
 Ducks Unlimited
 Federated Humane Society of Pennsylvania
 Friends of Animals
 Friends of the Ducks and Geese
 Friends of Waterfowl at Covell Lake, SD
 Fund for Animals
 Geese Peace
 Golf Course Superintendents Association of Colorado
 Grain Forage Producers Association of New Jersey
 Honor and Nonviolence for Animals
 Housatonic Fish & Game
 Humane Society of the United States
 Illinois Farm Bureau
 LCS Chapter of Waterfowl U.S.A.
 Manmouth County SPCA
 Maryland/Deleware (The Wildlife Society)
 Megunticook Watershed Association
 Middle Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association
 Minnesota Duck and Goose Callers Association
 Minnesota Waterfowl Association
 National Humane Education Society
 National Rifle Association
 National Wildlife Control Operators
 New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance
 New Jersey Farm Bureau
 North American Waterfowl Federation
 Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
 Pennsylvania State Grange
 Peoria Humane Society
 Prairie Woods Audubon Society
 Progressive Animal Welfare Society
 Sun City Friends of Animals Inc.
 Supporting and Promoting Ethics in the Animal Kingdom
 United Sportsmen for South Dakotans
 Virginia Soybean Association
 We Citizens of Wisconsin
 Wildlife Foundation
 Wildlife Preserves Inc.
 Wildlife Rehabilitation and Rescue Center
 Columbia University Action Coalition
 Fox Valley Goose Task Force, WI
 Friends of Animals and their Environment
 Friends of Montgomery Village Wildlife, MD
 Illinois State Medical Society
 Lehigh County Farm Bureau, PA
 Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 Middlesex County Federation of Sportsmens Clubs, NJ
 Minnesota Humane Society
 Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance
 Monmouth Coastal Watershed Partnership, NJ
 New York Farm Bureau
 Northwest Animal Rights Network
 People for Animal Rights
 Philadelphia Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.
 Prairie Woods Audubon Society, IL
 Rochester Birding Association
 Sierra Club, New Jersey Chapter

South Dakota Waterfowlers Association
South Dakota Wildlife Federation
Susquehanna County Farm Bureau, PA
Wildlife Management Institute
Wildlife Watch, Inc.
Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Inc.
Yell County Wildlife Federation, AR

Tribal

Colorado River Indian Tribes Department of Fish & Game
Conf. Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation
Grand Transverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
The Jicarilla Apache Tribe
Kalispel Tribe Kalispel Natural Resources Department
The Klamath Tribes
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Dept. of Wildlife, Fish & Recreation
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
The Navajo Nation
Seminole Tribe of Florida
The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington
Tulalip Department of Natural Resources
White Mountain Apache Tribe
Yankton Sioux Tribe
Fond du Lac Band of Lk Sup. Chippewa Tribe
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Point No Point Treaty Tribes
Squaxin Island Tribe
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Leech Lake Reservation
White Earth Reservation
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Wampanoag Tribe of Gayhead (Aquinnah), MA

Individuals and Businesses

Available upon request