

Selawik NWR Vision Statement and CCP Goals
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Vision Statement

As a trusted resource steward and community partner, the Selawik National Wildlife Refuge will enhance and protect the quality of life found in northwest Alaska by sustaining the ecological integrity of the Selawik River drainage and Kobuk River delta. Fish and wildlife will continue to thrive in this pristine environment, as will subsistence, cultural, and recreational uses of these resources. With vision and resourcefulness, the refuge will proactively monitor the uncertainties associated with climate change. The refuge will foster productive relationships with local communities and governments, indigenous people, visitors, scientists, neighboring landowners, and others to promote resource health, respond to community and educational needs, and perpetuate an enduring natural legacy for future generations of Americans.

Goals

Goal 1: Conserve the diversity of fish and wildlife and their habitats on Refuge lands, while allowing natural ecological processes to shape the environment.

Goal 2: Maintain the integrity and promote the environmental health of waters and aquatic habitats within the Refuge.

Goal 3: Provide and promote opportunities for local residents to engage in subsistence activities on the Refuge.

Goal 4: Provide quality visitor experiences and enjoyment of refuge resources through compatible wildlife-oriented recreation activities, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and photography, in ways that minimize conflicts among visitor groups and residents.

Goal 5: Provide outreach and education to foster a sense of stewardship and respect for wildlife, fish, cultural resources, and the environment.

Goal 6: Preserve and protect the cultural, historical, and archeological resources of the Refuge.

Goal 7: Develop and maintain credibility and open communication with partners in resource management, including federal and state agencies, local communities, Native corporations, tribal governments, neighboring landowners, businesses, and organizations.

Goal 8: Develop a leadership role in addressing climate change in northwest Alaska.