

1. Sample of Public Comments

1.1 Introduction to Appendices

This volume consists of four appendices to Volume 3 “Response to Public Comments” for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge, Refuge) Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Plan, Revised Plan) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These appendices contain a sample of the 612,265 communications (letters, web submissions, emails, hearing transcripts, etc.) we received from the public between August 15 and November 15, 2011.¹

Appendix N: Contains a single copy of each of the form letters we received regardless of whether they included comments that were identified as requiring a response from the Service.

Appendix O: Contains communication from governments, agencies, and tribes. Each communications in this appendix includes at least one comment requiring a response from the Service.

Appendix P: Contains communication from non-government organizations. Each communications in this appendix includes at least one comment requiring a response from the Service.

Appendix Q: Includes those communications from individuals and other sources that contained five or more comments requiring a response from the Service.

In appendices O, P, and Q, comments requiring a response from the Service are highlighted in grey. Also highlighted in grey are comment preambles—text preceding certain comments that provides context or important information pertaining to the comment. We also provide the comment identification number assigned to each communication during the comment analysis, and the topic and subtopic to which each comment was assigned.

For privacy protection, we redacted form letters to show only their content and not the personal information of the individual(s) who submitted them. In Appendix Q, personal information (such as names and addresses) was retained unless someone specifically requested confidentiality. However, email addresses, phone numbers, and cell phone numbers were redacted for most individuals in Appendix Q.

1.2 Introduction to Indices

Volume 4 also contains two indices to assist readers with navigating through Volumes 3 and 4 of the Revised Plan. One index identifies the page number(s) on which a particular commenter’s name or organization is referenced; the other index identifies the page number(s) on which a particular comment number is referenced.

¹ Please note that all photos included in this volume are U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) file photos added by the Service. None of the photos were submitted as part of public comments.

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