

Errata Sheet – Volume 3

This errata sheet is for Volume 3 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Revised Plan) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), dated January 2015. This sheet notes both substantial errors (those that affect content or meaning) and editorial errors (those that are typographic or grammatical in nature). Substantial errors are highlighted in gray.

Document-Wide Corrections:

Throughout the Revised Plan and Final EIS, we make reference to certain management actions or activities occurring on specific dates (e.g., the Visitor Use Management Plan will begin in 2013). The dates published in the Revised Plan were based on the assumption that the Record of Decision would be signed during 2012. Because we were delayed in releasing the Final EIS, many of the dates in the Revised Plan are no longer correct.

Dates associated with management actions and activities are relative to the date on which the Record of Decision for the Revised Plan will be signed and issued, and should be adjusted accordingly. The portions of the Revised Plan which are most affected are: Goals and Objectives (Chapter 2, Section 2.1); Implementation and Monitoring (Chapter 6, most notably Tables 6-1 and 6-2); and many of the responses to public comments (Volume 3, Section 3.1.).

1. Volume 3

1.1 Summary of Comments

Page 5, Table 1: The header at the top of the table should read “Speakers²” and not “Speakers².” The header is referencing the second footnote at the bottom of the table.

Page 6, Table 2: The word “as” in the text of the first footnote should be replaced with “and are.” The footnote should read:

“Numbers are approximate and are based on affiliations...”

1.2 Substantive Comments

Page 20, Response to Group B.4: The third sentence, which starts on the sixth line of the response, is factually incorrect and should be deleted.

Page 21, Response to Group B.5: The last sentence contains an editing error. It should read:

“However, this issue will be addressed in the Wilderness Stewardship step-down planning process, which will include additional opportunities for public involvement.”

Page 34, Response to Comment 136995.001: The third sentence, which starts on the sixth line of the response, is factually incorrect and should be deleted.

Pages 41-42, Response to Comment 136796.012: The last two sentences of the second paragraph are incorrect. They should read:

“In addition, Kongakut River management under Alternatives B and C places an interim cap on use by commercial recreational guide businesses starting in 2013 and expiring at the end of 2016 or when the VUMP is implemented, whichever occurs first. Further, Alternatives B through F were modified to include a series of interim measures: 1) working with guides to reduce the number of groups on the Kongakut River during heavy use periods; 2) working with commercial air operators to disperse commuting flight paths; 3) publishing schedules of proposed guided launch dates; 4) developing additional outreach materials; conducting occasional onsite checks; 5) modifying the current monitoring program to include criteria that specifically evaluate the effectiveness of management actions; and 6) identifying, evaluating, and rehabilitating impaired and impacted sites.”

Page 51, first paragraph at top of page: The word “environmental” is misspelled on the fourth line.

Page 90, Response to Comment 137014.030: The last sentence of the first paragraph of the response uses the wrong tense and is awkwardly worded. The sentence should read:

“The following factors were considered to determine if any of the alternatives would result in a significant restriction of subsistence uses and needs:”

Page 129, Response to Comment 136809.003: On the 6th and 8th lines from the bottom of the page, the word “refuge” should have been capitalized (i.e., “Refuge”); we are referring to Arctic Refuge in these sentences.

Page 157, Response to Comment 136815.002

The second sentence of the response - “The process for requesting, negotiating, and developing an Annual Funding Agreement is found in 25 CFR 1000.170 and implemented through Service Policy 512 FW 5,” needs to be replaced with:

“Annual Funding Agreements are implemented through Federally-recognized Indian Tribes represented by its Tribal Council, participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Program established by the Secretary of the Interior under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 450-450n, as amended by §204 of the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, now codified at 25 U.S.C. §§ 458aa-458hh.”

Page 161, Response to Comment 136846.003: In the second to last sentence of the response, we inadvertently listed the community of Fort Yukon twice and failed to list the community of Venetie. The sentence should read:

“Further, we sent planning updates and fliers announcing public meetings to every post office boxholder in Arctic Village, Fort Yukon, Kaktovik, and Venetie.”

Page 168, Response to Comment 136789.005: In the first line of our response, the word “recognized” should be “recognize.”

Page 169, Response to Comment 136816.016: In the sixth line of the response, the phrase “in the summary the goes with it” should read “in the summary that goes with it.”

Page 178, Response to Comment 136801.112: This comment response is awkwardly worded. It should read:

“The lands and resources within Arctic Refuge are already protected by their current designation as a refuge and the Refuge’s management policies and guidelines. There would be no change in benefits at the international level from any of the alternatives.”

Page 185, Response to Comment 136789.008: The term “Alternate’s” on the first line of the response should be “Alternatives.”

Page 204, Response to Comment 032620.012: The Federal Register citation on the first line of the response should read “76 FR 47010;” page 47041 is within the same Federal Register notice.

Page 205, Response to Comment 032612.001: The word “out” in the last line of the response should read “our”

Page 218, Response to Comment 136742.001: The term “plan” at the end of the fourth line of the response should be capitalized “Plan.” We are referring to the Revised Plan and final EIS in this response.

Page 222, Responses to Comments 032626.006 and 136826.004: There is an extra word (“we”) in the last sentence of each of these responses. The sentences should read:

“Given the 600,000 public comments we received on the draft Plan, we believe our efforts were effective.”

Page 234, Response to Comment 136805.142: The first sentence of this response is incorrect. It should read:

“We revised the discussion in Appendix C, Section C.3.2 to reflect the information in the Final EIS, which was released to the public by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in July 2012.”

Please note that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers selected the Proposed Action (Alternative B) in their Record of Decision, which was signed on October 19, 2012. A Clean Water Act Section 404 permit was issued to ExxonMobil on October 26, 2012.

Page 236, Response to Comment 136805.026: The word “refuge” on the last line of the second paragraph should be capitalized (“Refuge”). We are referring to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in this sentence.

Page 254, Response to Comment 136804.010: The following sentence should be added to the end of the response:

“There are unresolved questions about ANILCA requirements for establishing such an area.”

In addition, the word “may” in the second line of the response should be changed to “might.”

Page 260, Response to Comment 136768.001: The phrase included in parentheses on the 12th line of the response should read “(general hunters)”

Page 272, Response to Comment 136797.002: The word “federal” should be deleted from the second line of the response.

Page 273, Response to Comment 136750.007: The sentence that begins on the 8th line of the response is awkwardly worded. It should read:

“Important selecting factors include the number of clients that an applicant proposes to book and the effects of proposed operations on opportunities for continued subsistence uses by local residents.”

Page 277, Response to Comment 000038.001: The word “rewarded” on the 5th line of the response should be changed to “awarded.”

Page 288, Response to Comment 136984.002: The sentence that begins on the sixth line of the page should read:

“Through the visitor use management and Wilderness stewardship planning processes...”

Page 293, Response to Comment 136993.001: On the first line at the top of the page, the phrase “expanding the Refuge” should read “establishing the Refuge.”

Page 303-304, Responses to Group O.4 and Group O.5: The tasks outlined in each of these responses are somewhat out of order and need to be clarified:

In preparation for the environmental analysis for the administrative site at Lake Peters, the Refuge manager would develop a range of alternatives. Each alternative would include a detailed proposal of the specific actions to be taken, and if the alternative identifies any structures for removal, how and when the work would be accomplished. Required consultation, such as with the State Historic Preservation Office, would also be completed. If an alternative that removes buildings were to be selected, the project would be implemented and all work completed within four years of Plan approval. Please see Chapter 2, Section 2.1.2, Objective 2.5 for more information.

Page 305, Response to Comment 136805.128: The last sentence of the response should read:
“We now have a photo and we added it to the Administrative Facilities discussion in Chapter 4, Section 4.5.1.”

Page 306 and 307, Responses to Comments 032628.020 and 136954.001: The tasks outlined in these responses are somewhat out of order and need to be clarified:

In preparation for the environmental analysis for the administrative site at Lake Peters, the Refuge manager would develop a range of alternatives. Each alternative would include a detailed proposal of the specific actions to be taken, and if the alternative identifies any structures for removal, how and when the work would be accomplished. Required consultation, such as with the State Historic Preservation Office, would also be completed. If an alternative that removes buildings were to be selected, the project would be implemented and all work completed within four years of Plan approval. Please see Chapter 2, Section 2.1.2, Objective 2.5 for more information.

Page 332, Response to Comment 136805.094: The response is somewhat confusing as worded and should be clarified. The second sentence of the response should say:

“However, the second sentence of Chapter 2, Section 2.4.18.2 is correct.”

Additionally, the acronym for the Department of the Interior on the fourth line of the response is incorrect. “COI” should read “DOI.”

Page 343, Response to Comment 032626.059: The regulations are cited incorrectly in the third line of the response. The correct citation is “14 CFR 45.29”

Page 345, Response to Comment 137013.012: In the last paragraph of the response, we should clarify that the State of Alaska would own the submerged lands beneath any portion of the Wind or Ivishak rivers determined navigable for the purposes of title, but to date, no such determination has been made.

Pages 346-347, Response to Comment 032626.059, second paragraph: In the 2nd and 3rd sentences of this paragraph, the word “plan” should be capitalized (i.e., “Plan”); we are referring to the Revised Plan and final EIS in these sentences.

Page 374, Response to Comment 136980.005: The word “objective” on the 2nd line of the response should be plural “objectives”

Page 376, Response to Comment 032675.004: The policy citation on the last full line of the first paragraph is incorrect. It should read “610 FW 5.17”

Page 377, Response to Comment 136789.003

The second sentence of the response – “The process for requesting, negotiating, and developing an Annual Funding Agreement are found in 25 CFR 1000.170 and implemented through Service Policy 512 FW 5,” needs to be replaced with:

“Annual Funding Agreements are implemented through Federally-recognized Indian Tribes represented by its Tribal Council, participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Program established by the Secretary of the Interior under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 450-450n, as amended by §204 of the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, now codified at 25 U.S.C. §§ 458aa-458hh.”

Page 385, Response to Comment 136789.007: In the last line of the response, the timeframe for completing the Land Protection Plan (LPP) should read “1-3 years” and not “1-5 years.”

Page 391, Response to Comment 132801.084: The parenthetical citation on the fourth line should read: “(Chapter 2, Section 2.4.16).” Similarly, the opening phrase of the second paragraph should read: “Per Chapter 2, Section 2.4.21.1, new administrative facilities....”

Page 394, Response to Comment 136805.088: To clarify, the opening phrase of the last sentence on this page should read: “As stated in Chapter 2, Section 2.4.14.7 of the Plan,....”

Page 397, Response to Comment 136695.084: The first word of the response should be “There”

Page 414, Response to Comment 136978.001: The phrase “rocket sounding program” on the second to last line of the response should read “Sounding Rockets Program”

Page 416, Response to Comment 136816.025: The first sentence is missing a word. The end of the first sentence should read:

“...Chapter 2, Sections 2.4.14.1 and 2.4.13.1, and is consistent with ANILCA Section 1110.”

Page 432, Response to Group S.5: The second to last sentence in the first paragraph contains typographical errors that resulted in words being scrambled. The sentence should read:

“Objective 8.1 (Chapter 2, Section 2.1.8) on Collaboration, Partnerships, and Traditional Knowledge was broadened to acknowledge that the Refuge will continue to consult with local tribal governments and Native corporations and work with Native organizations, Native elders, and others....”

Page 435, Response to Group S.10: The brackets “[]” in the second to last line of the response should be deleted and the cross-reference should read:

“...we added the following text to Chapter 4, Section 4.4.6 (Interpretation and Environmental Education)....”

Page 439, Response to Comment 136988.001: The last sentence of the response should be deleted. We did not conduct an analysis of the potential effects of each of the Plan’s alternatives on natural quiet and soundscape. Rather, we analyzed the potential effects of

each of the Plan's alternatives on wilderness characteristics, and natural quiet is a component of wilderness characteristics (see Appendix M).

Page 441, Response to Comment 032626.001: The cross-reference on the 3rd line of the response should read: "...are discussed in Chapter 4, Section 4.3.7."

Page 443, Response to Comment 136800.006: The acronym "NGOs" on the third line should be replaced with "non-governmental organizations."

Page 456, Response to Comment 032628.008: The third line of the response is missing the word "and" before the phrase "will be." Additionally, the phrase "Refuge species and ecosystems" should be revised to read "species and ecosystems within the Refuge."

Page 460, Response to Comment 136801.032: The last sentence of the response should read: "The Refuge plans to expand educational efforts related to public use and minimum impact techniques, such as Leave No Trace practices, as specified in Chapter 2, Section 2.1.9, Objective 9.2."

Page 462, Response to Comment 136805.052: To clarify the cross-references in the response, Objective 2.1 and Section 2.3.3 are both located in Chapter 2 of the Revised Plan. On the 5th line of the response, we are referring the reader to the term "wilderness characteristics" as it is defined in Appendix M.

Page 465, Response to Comment 032626.013: The objectives cited in the response are located in Chapter 2, Sections 2.1.2 and 2.1.5.

Page 472, Response to Comment 136817.017: The phrase "times lines" on the first line of the response should be changed to "timelines"

Page 475, Response to Comment 136805.060: The response is awkwardly worded; it should read:

"Subsistence Objective 4.1 from the draft Plan was revised to address the State's recommendations. It was renumbered as Objective 4.2 Subsistence Opportunities, in Chapter 2, Section 2.1.4 of the Revised Plan."

Page 476, Response to Comment 136998.009: The word "instrument" should be plural "instruments"

Page 478, Response to Comment 032619.003: To clarify, Goal 5 and Objective 5.1 are located in Chapter 2, Section 2.1.5. Also, the response is missing quotation marks around the text quoted from Objective 5.1 (i.e., "Refuge managers will continue to provide...river floating, and mountaineering.")

Page 481, Response to Comment 136801.041: The phrase “may be” at the end of the first line on the page should be “to be”

Page 481, Response to Comment 136801.042: The response does not fully address the comment. The following sentences should be added to the response:

“Table 6-1 in Chapter 6 of the Revised Plan outlines the estimated start and completion dates for all the proposed step-down plans, including the Visitor Use Management Plan. We will begin visitor use planning immediately upon approval of the Revised Plan, and we anticipate it will take 3-5 years to complete.”

Page 485, Response to Comment 136805.066: The phrase “on them” should be deleted from the last sentence of the response.

Page 486, Response to Comment 136805.069: The phrase “in the planning process” at the end of the response should read “through the planning process.”

Page 490, Response to Comment 136816.014: The word “that” is missing after the word “experiences” in the last sentence of the response. The last sentence should read:

“During that process, we will identify the desired conditions and experiences that will meet refuge purposes...”

Page 492, Response to Comment 136801.048: The word “to” is missing before the phrase “Objective 8.1” in the second sentence of the response. The second sentence should read:

“Further, we direct your attention to Objective 8.1 (in Chapter 2, Section 2.1.8), which also addresses....”

Page 501, Response to Comment 136801.054: In the last sentence on the page, the phrase “a commitment of complete” should be “a commitment to complete”

Page 504, Response to Comment 136817.019: The National Interest Study will be conducted once every 15 years, not once every 10 years as written in the last line of the response.

Page 506, Response to Comment 136952.006: The brackets “[]” in the second line of the response should be deleted, and the cross-reference should read:

“In the second paragraph of Chapter 2, Section 2.4.16 (Public Use Facilities)....”

Page 511, Response to Comment 032665.001: For clarification: Alaskans have provided comments that have added great value to the planning process. However, because Arctic Refuge is Federal land, we must give equal consideration to all commenters, including those who do not live in Alaska.

Page 514, Response to Group T.1: Step-Down Plans: The second paragraph contains incorrect information. The paragraph should be revised to read as follows:

“The alternatives were revised to address immediate concerns about conditions on the Kongakut River. Now all the alternatives commit to completing a step-down plan for visitor use of the Refuge; the 1988 Plan committed to completing a Public Use Management Plan, and this was added to Alternative A (current management). “Alternatives B through F were modified to include a series of interim management measures for the Kongakut River: 1) working with guides to reduce the number of groups on the Kongakut River during heavy use periods; 2) working with commercial air operators to disperse commuting flight paths; 3) publishing schedules of proposed guided launch dates; 4) developing additional outreach materials; conducting occasional onsite checks; 5) modifying the current monitoring program to include criteria that specifically evaluate the effectiveness of management actions; and 6) identifying, evaluating, and rehabilitating impaired and impacted sites. These measures will be used in the interim to manage visitor use on the Kongakut River until the VUMP is developed and ready to be implemented. Additionally, Chapter 2 includes new Objective 2.7, Restoration of Impacted Sites, which was added to address the issue of cleaning up and restoring impacted sites across the Refuge, in both designated Wilderness and Minimal Management areas. Please also see Chapter 2, Section 2.1.2, Objective 2.4 and Section 2.1.5, Objective 5.4.”

Page 515, Response to Comment T.3: The header says this is the response to comment “AR.3.” This is a typographic error that should read “T.3.”

Page 517, Response to Comment 136822.004: The second sentence should say:
“An environmental assessment was completed...”

Page 517, Response to Comment 032628.036: The last sentence should read:
“However, this issue will be addressed in the Wilderness Stewardship step-down planning process, which will include additional opportunities for public involvement.”

Page 518, Response to Comment 221407.001: The second sentence is awkwardly worded and should be revised to read:

“In the Revised Plan, these two step-down plans are our top priority; they will be started immediately upon approval of this Revised Plan and will address visitor use holistically throughout the entire Refuge.”

Page 518, Response to Comment 136813.005: The third to last sentence should read:
“Information gained from the public early in these step-down planning processes will also be helpful in drafting the VUMP and the WSP.”

Page 520, Response to Comment 032626.051: The second line on the page should read:
“Through the visitor use management and Wilderness stewardship planning processes...”

Page 520, Response to Comment 032626.051: The second paragraph contains incorrect information. The paragraph should be revised to read as follows:

“The alternatives were revised to address immediate concerns about conditions on the Kongakut River. Kongakut River management under Alternatives B and C places an interim cap on use by commercial recreational guide businesses starting in 2013 and expiring at the end of 2016 or when the VUMP is implemented, whichever occurs first. Alternatives B through F were modified to include a series of interim measures to manage visitor use on the Kongakut River until the VUMP is developed and is ready to be implemented: 1) working with guides to reduce the number of groups on the Kongakut River during heavy use periods; 2) working with commercial air operators to disperse commuting flight paths; 3) publishing schedules of proposed guided launch dates; 4) developing additional outreach materials; conducting occasional onsite checks; 5) modifying the current monitoring program to include criteria that specifically evaluate the effectiveness of management actions; and 6) identifying, evaluating, and rehabilitating impaired and impacted sites. Additionally, Chapter 2 includes new Objective 2.7, Restoration of Impacted Sites, which was added to address the issue of cleaning up and restoring impacted sites across the Refuge, in both designated Wilderness and Minimal Management areas.”

Page 524, Response to Comment 136796.013: In the middle of the paragraph it should say “...consistent with the Refuge’s special values...”

Page 527, Response to Comment 032624.001: Replace the last sentence in the third paragraph with:

“Additionally, Alternatives B through F were modified to include a series of interim management measures: 1) working with guides to reduce the number of groups on the Kongakut River during heavy use periods; 2) working with commercial air operators to disperse commuting flight paths; 3) publishing schedules of proposed guided launch dates; 4) developing additional outreach materials; conducting occasional onsite checks; 5) modifying the current monitoring program to include criteria that specifically evaluate the effectiveness of management actions; and 6) identifying, evaluating, and rehabilitating impaired and impacted sites.”

In addition, the third sentence in the second paragraph should read:

“Through the visitor use management and Wilderness stewardship planning processes...”

Page 532, Response to Comment 000056.001: In the first sentence, the word “further” should be deleted.

Page 534, Response to Comment 136815.003: The third sentence is awkwardly worded and should be revised to read:

“Rather, they were used as examples of the different geographic availability and abundance of species and the subsequent barter and exchange among villages most proximate to Arctic Refuge.”

Additionally, a cross-reference should be added to the last sentence of the response: “(see Chapter 4, Section 4.4.3.8).”

Page 537, Response to Comment 222173.001: The last sentence of the second paragraph should read:

“These regulations have been in place for several decades...to ensure they provide a continued opportunity...”

Page 537, Response to Comment 136676.001: The first line is missing a word and should read:

“...to provide the best available information....”

Additionally, the second sentence should be reworded as follows:

“Our photographic resources regarding subsistence and cultural uses of our neighboring communities are quite limited.”

Page 538, Response to Comment 136815.005: The second to last sentence (that which starts with “Section 4.4.4.2 further acknowledges...”) should be deleted; it is already in the previous paragraph.

Page 539, Response to Comment 136846.001: In the second to last line on the page, the word “use” should be deleted before the phrase “subsistence use”

Page 540, Response to Comment 136846.001: The first two sentences on the page should read:

“The draft Plan in Chapter 4, Section 4.4.1.2 describes the earliest prehistoric archeological records for areas south of the Brooks Range that remained ice-free during the last glaciations. Bones that were possibly modified by humans from Old Crow Flats in the Yukon Territory may date to as old as 27,000 years ago.”

Page 540, Response to Comment 136846.001: The third to last sentence on the page should read:

“Reverend Albert Tritt from Arctic Village, a Neets’aii Gwich’in born in 1880, wrote that his people led a nomadic life, traveling to the arctic coast, Rampart, Old Crow, the Coleen River, and Fort Yukon in the 1880s and 1890s (see Chapter 4, Section 4.4.4.2).”

Page 547, Response to Comment 136684.001: The first sentence of the response should read:

“Use of airplanes for access to the Refuge is authorized by...”

Page 550, Response to Comment 136804.005: The word “refuge” in the second sentence should not be capitalized because we are talking about any national wildlife refuge in Alaska.

Page 551, Response to Comment 136816.019: In the second paragraph second sentence we refer to “the application.” To clarify, we are referring to a special use permit application. Persons or groups who have an inholding may apply for a permit to access this inholding.

Page 570, Response to Comment 137013.003: “Refuge” should be capitalized in the last sentence because it refers to Arctic Refuge.

Page 573, Response to Comment 032627.042: The word “river” in the second sentence should be singular:

“The Revised Plan includes a wild and scenic river review...”

Page 581, Response to Comment 032628.015: This response should read:

“We appreciate your concerns regarding the effects of visitor use (including impacts from aircraft landings) in areas of the Refuge other than the Kongakut River. The proposed Visitor Use Management and Wilderness Stewardship step-down plans will address, among other things, aircraft landing impacts (see Chapter 2, Section 2.1.2, Objective 2.4, and Section 2.1.5, Objectives 5.4 and 5.9). Together, these step-down plans will allow the Service to address visitor use concerns for the entire Refuge in a holistic manner. The Refuge is committed to completing these plans and has elevated their priority: the planning processes are scheduled to begin immediately following approval of the Revised Plan.

“The alternatives were revised to address immediate concerns about conditions on the Kongakut River. Kongakut River management under Alternatives B and C places an interim cap on use by commercial recreational guide businesses starting in 2013 and expiring at the end of 2016 or when the VUMP is implemented, whichever occurs first. Alternatives B through F were modified to include a series of interim measures to manage visitor use on the Kongakut River until the VUMP is developed and is ready to be implemented: 1) working with guides to reduce the number of groups on the Kongakut River during heavy use periods; 2) working with commercial air operators to disperse commuting flight paths; 3) publishing schedules of proposed guided launch dates; 4) developing additional outreach materials; conducting occasional onsite checks; 5) modifying the current monitoring program to include criteria that specifically evaluate the effectiveness of management actions; and 6) identifying, evaluating, and rehabilitating impaired and impacted sites. Additionally, Chapter 2 includes new Objective 2.7, Restoration of Impacted Sites, which was added to address the issue of cleaning up and restoring impacted sites across the Refuge, in both designated Wilderness and Minimal Management areas.

We acknowledge that the draft Plan did not adequately identify and describe the significant problems that may adversely affect fish and wildlife populations and habitats according to ANILCA Section 304(g)(2)(E). This has been remedied and the Revised Plan now contains Section 1.10 (Chapter 1) which includes a discussion of the effects of visitor access and activities on fish, wildlife, and their habitats.”

Page 582, Response to Comment 136711.001: “Processes” in the last sentence of the first paragraph should be singular, “process.”

Page 583, Response to Comment 137013.001: In the second sentence, the phrase “a wild rivers” should be changed to “wild rivers” (i.e., delete the word “a”).

Page 584, Response to Comment 032621.008: The second sentence has a grammatical error and a misspelling. It should read:

“The river may also be a corridor for some waterfowl movement and migration, but it has not been identified as an exemplary resource for wildlife migrations.”

Also, the word “that” in the second to last sentence should be deleted.

Page 585, Response to Comment 032663.001: The word “that” in the second sentence should be deleted.

Page 591, Response to Comment 032626.081: The text in the middle of the paragraph should read:

“The Jago River’s scores for number of habitat types and diversity of species were similar to the scores of other coastal plain rivers...”

Page 594, Response to Comment 136858.001: The first sentence is awkwardly worded and should be revised to read:

“The effects of each alternative, including the effects of potential wilderness recommendations, are described in Chapter 5 of the Revised Plan.”

Page 598, Response to Comment 136805.012: In the first sentence of the third paragraph, the word “Wilderness” should be capitalized in the phrase “Wilderness character;” we are referring to designated Wilderness.

This also applies to the second sentence of “Response to Comment 136805.021” on page 601.

Page 607, Response to Comment 136749.001: The cross-reference in the first sentence is to Appendix H, Section H.2 of the Revised Plan.

Page 607, Response to Comment 136805.015: The response should read as follows:

“In examining the potential positive and negative effects of Wilderness designation, the Service carefully considered effects upon the wildlife conservation and management programs conducted by both the Service and the State. Research projects proposed by the Service, the State, or other cooperators, that preserve Wilderness character to the greatest extent possible would be permitted and encouraged. Wilderness designation would not affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with respect to fish and wildlife management, although activities would have to be determined through a Minimum Requirement Analysis (MRA) to be the minimum requirement necessary to manage the area as Wilderness, whether or not a normally prohibited use is considered. Routine operations, for example most fish and wildlife surveys, would only require periodic updating of an initial programmatic MRA; thus, the long-term time commitment would be minimal.”

Page 611, Response to Comment 136805.150: The first sentence should read:

“Potential oil and gas resources underlying the 1002 Area are not listed among the Refuge’s special values...”

Page 608, Response to Comment 136805.148: The policy citation on the third line contains a typographic error. It should read “610 FW 4.4”

Page 615, Response to Group Y.1: Wildlife: In the second sentence, the word “refuge” should be lower case; the statement applies to all the national wildlife refuges in Alaska.