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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR REGULATIONS ON
ACCESS TO BACK BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has extended the public comment period on interim regulations governing access to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge to January 31, 1980.

The extension is being announced in the January 16, 1980, Federal Register. The interim regulations were published in the December 13, 1979, Federal Register, and took effect on January 1. The public comment period was originally scheduled to expire January 12.

The interim regulations allow permanent full-time residents of Currituck Banks, North Carolina, commercial fishermen, and emergency and official vehicles to continue driving across Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The regulations prohibit property owners who are not full-time residents from driving across the refuge beach.

Comments should be addressed to Mr. Howard N. Larsen, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, One Gateway Center, Newton Corner, Massachusetts 02158.

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