

Errata Sheet – Volume 2

This errata sheet is for Volume 2 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 2

1.1 Appendix A

Page A-6, Section A.1.2.5: The footnote after “7.16 million acres” should have included the following text:

“ANILCA established an eight million-acre Wilderness area. While the boundary of the Wilderness area has not changed, newer technologies (such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS)) have changed how we estimate the area within the boundary.”

1.2 Appendix C

Page C-3, Section C.2.5: This section is updated with the following information:

The Final Integrated Activity Plan and EIS was released for public review on December 19, 2012. The Record of Decision for the plan was signed on February 21, 2013. The decision reflects the Preferred Alternative in the final EIS, but includes some modifications and clarifications. According to the Bureau of Land Management, the final action allows for the development of 72 percent of the estimated economically recoverable oil in the nearly 23-million-acre reserve, while protecting subsistence resources of Alaska Natives and wildlife habitats.

Page C-5, Section C.2.8: The word “where” should be “were” in the second sentence of this section.

Page C-5, Section C.2.9: In the first sentence, there should not be a comma after the words “original name.”

Page C-6, Section C.3.2: This section is updated with the following information:

On October 19, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) signed a Record of Decision for the Point Thomson Development Project. The Corps found that Alternative B of the final EIS, with modifications and additional mitigation measures, to be the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative and not contrary to the public interest. On October 26, 2012, the Corps issued a permit to the ExxonMobil Corporation and PTE Pipeline LLC to place fill material and structures in waters of the U.S. for the construction of the Point Thomson Project. The permit includes authorizations for: three drill pads (including one with a facility for hydrocarbon processing), ten miles of infield roads, a gravel mine, airstrip, barge docking facility, navigational structures, dredging, an emergency boat ramp, infield gathering pipelines, and an export pipeline to a facility located 23 miles to the west. According to the Corps, the permit contains 37 special conditions to minimize adverse impacts to the environment, including payment of a mitigation fee to compensate for unavoidable losses of aquatic resources.

1.3 Appendix D

Page D-4, Section D.3.1: It should be noted that the Revised Plan’s management policies and guidelines restrict domestic sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas on Arctic Refuge, subject to the promulgation of regulations for non-commercial uses. Please refer to Chapter 2, Section 2.4.12.9 and Table 2-1 (page 2-87) for more information.

Page D-4, Section D.3.3: In the last sentence the word “related” should be “relate.”

Page D-10, Section D.5.4: There should not be any quotation marks anywhere in this paragraph.

Page D-17, Section D.5.15: The word “of” should be deleted from the second to last sentence of the last paragraph of this section.

1.4 Appendix F

Page F-7, Gulls, Terns: The correct scientific name of the ivory gull is “Pagophila eburnea”

1.5 Appendix G

Page G-1, Table of Contents: The term “XE” should be deleted from the first entry.

Page G-58, Item 11: We incorrectly cited the Service's Wilderness Policy regarding commercial services in Wilderness. The correct citation is "610 FW 2.12"

Page G-74, first paragraph: In the fifth line, the word "though" should be "through"

Page G-76, Supporting Documents: A hard return and line space is missing between two citations. The first citation is:

"U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1994. Compatibility Determination for Non-wildlife Dependent Recreational Activities. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fairbanks, Alaska."

The second citation is:

"U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2011. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Draft Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Wilderness Review, and Wild and Scenic River Review. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, June 2011. Anchorage, Alaska, USA."

Page G-104, first paragraph under "Description of Use": In the second to last sentence, the Federal Register citation should read "(65 FR 62484)."

Page G-115, second paragraph under "Description of Use": The text quoted from the CFR is missing a number. The third and fourth lines of this paragraph should read:

"...may be permitted in Alaska National Wildlife Refuges as follows: (1) For live standing timber..."

Additionally, because we are quoting only a portion of the regulation, the quote should have ended with ellipsis (i.e., "...") after the word "established."

Page G-125, first paragraph: The word "to" is missing in the last sentence, which should read:

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will continue to monitor such introductions."

Page G-126, Stipulations Necessary to Ensure Compatibility: This entire paragraph should be replaced with the following text:

"Special use permits are not required for most subsistence activities, so there are no associated stipulations. However, subsistence users will be required to comply with any regulations in place, such as seasonal closures for resource protection. The Federal subsistence management program provides for review and design of subsistence hunting and fishing regulations that ensure protection of fish and wildlife resources on refuge lands, except for migratory birds and marine mammals. The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council regulates subsistence harvest of migratory birds to ensure their conservation. The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, identifies the Service as being responsible for the management and conservation of polar bears, sea otters, and Pacific walrus. The act established a moratorium on the taking and

importation of marine mammals and products made from them; however, Alaska Natives who take marine mammals for subsistence purposes are exempt from the moratorium.

“Service regulations address access, harvest of plants, and use of cabins for subsistence purposes on Alaska refuges to ensure compatibility of these uses. Use or construction of subsistence cabins also require a special use permit from the Refuge that will include provisions designed to ensure compatibility. Should use of currently used modes of motorized transportation, new cabin construction, or any other subsistence activity grow to levels where it interferes with or detracts from Refuge purposes, appropriate management steps would be taken to maintain compatibility.”

1.6 Appendix H

Page H-9, Section H.2.1.2: We incorrectly cited the Wilderness Stewardship Policy on the last line of the first paragraph. The citation should read: “(610 FW 1.2).”

This error also applies to Section H.2.2.2 on page H-11 and Section H.2.3.2 on page H-12.

1.7 Appendix I

Page I-13, Section 2.2.3, Item 6: The Federal Register citation on the first line of Item 6 is incorrect. It should read “47 FR 39454.”

Page I-27, Section 4.5.5: The Federal Register citation on the first line of the first “Management Implication” is incorrect. It should read “47 FR 39454”

Page I-33, Section 4.6.1.1: The first sentence of this section is factually incorrect. The sentence should be revised to read:

“The history of the ownership of submerged lands and river beds in Arctic Refuge begins prior to the establishment of the Arctic National Wildlife Range (Range) by Public Land Order (PLO) 2214 in 1960.”

Page I-42, Section 5.1.1: The second sentence should start with, “Nearby road access....” and not “Road access...”

Page I-44, Section 5.1.2, Item #5: The text says, “The cost of CRMP development...may be offset by increased funding and staffing associated with designation.” It should be clarified that a funding/staffing increase is not likely and is not in any way guaranteed should Congress decide to include a river in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

This clarification applies to similar statements on pages: I-55, I-62, I-70, I-79, I-86, I-93, I-100, I-107, and I-114.

Page I-B2, last sentence before Table B-1: The last sentence should be revised to read:

“While other evaluated waters certainly have scenic value, only the Kongakut and Okpilak rivers and the Neruokpuk Lakes complex were identified as having a Scenic ORV based on the analysis of currently available data.”

Page I-B5, first paragraph, 6th line: The sentence that mentions the Arctic Interagency Visitor Center survey should begin with the word “The” and not “he.”

Page I-B9, Section B.4, last paragraph: By “healthiest population of lake trout” we mean the population has a high weight to length ratio when compared to other populations on the North Slope of the Brooks Range.

Page I-E1, first paragraph: The first sentence should have noted that the Ivishak River is already a designated wild river.

Page I-F2, Table F-1, Habitat Management – Mechanical Treatment: In the cell for Rivers in Designated Wilderness, there should be an asterisk (*) after the phrase “with exceptions.” While the Service is unlikely to propose mechanical treatment anywhere on Arctic Refuge, a Minimum Requirement Analysis (MRA) would need to be completed should the Service propose such an action in designated Wilderness.

Page I-F6, Table F-1, Helicopters: In the cell for Rivers in Designated Wilderness, there should be an asterisk (*) after the phrase “with exceptions.” If the Service were to request the use of a helicopter in designated Wilderness, an MRA would need to be completed to determine if the use is necessary to administer the area as Wilderness and is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Refuge, including Wilderness Act purposes.

Page I-G1, Section G.2.1, last sentence: According to Section 305 of ANILCA, the purposes of the Arctic Range still attach “except to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Act [ANILCA] or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and, in any such case, the provisions of such Acts shall prevail.”

1.8 Appendix M

Page M-4, Comprehensive Conservation Plan: This definition is from Service Manual 602 FW 1

Page M-8, Federally recognized tribes: In the first line, the second “are” should be deleted

Page M-16, Recommended Wilderness: To clarify, the word “Secretary” refers to the Secretary of the Interior