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SUBJECT: Competitive Offering of Upper Kenai River Commercial Use Permits

This notice is a competitive offering for the opportunity to conduct guided scenic float trips on the upper Kenai River within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. The involved area is between the Russian River Confluence/Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary and Skilak Lake.

The Refuge has had a limited number of scenic rafting permits for this area since 1997, consistent with a 1996 Environmental Assessment for Upper Kenai River Commercial Visitor Services Management Strategy. At this time, up to two permits may be awarded for a five-year term based on a competitive prospectus.

A prospectus for guided sportfishing/scenic rafting is available to pick up at the Kenai Refuge Headquarters. Applicants will have until November 1, 2012 to submit proposals for the available permit(s). Selection of successful applicants will be completed by February 15, 2013. Five-year permits will be issued to successful applicants effective May 1, 2013 for guided scenic rafting.

For additional information, contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office during regular business hours at (907) 262-7021.

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