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SUBJECT: Invitation for Proposals to Conduct Commercial Sport Fishing Services on the Upper Kenai River within Areas of Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is currently soliciting applications for competitively-issued special use permits to provide guided sportfishing services on the Upper Kenai River. A "Prospectus and Request for Proposal to Conduct Commercial Sport Fishing Services within Areas of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge" is now available for review and submission of proposals.

Interested parties will have over 180 days to submit proposals. Prospective permittees must submit two copies of a written proposal by August 1, 2017. Selection of successful applicants will be announced in December 2017. A total of up to nineteen permits will be awarded to selected applicants through this process. Permits are issued for a five-year period, with potential for re-issuance for an additional five years.

Interested parties are encouraged to call Mr. Matt Conner (907) 260-2834 with any questions. Requests for a prospectus can be sent to the Refuge Manager, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge or by email at kenai@fws.gov or found online at the following link, https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/FINAL_UpperKenaiRiverFish_Prospectus2017.pdf . Prospectuses will also be available at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, located on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna.

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