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Fish and Wildlife Service Makes Highway 94 Right-of-Way Draft Compatibility Determination Available for Public Review

Refuge Manager Pete Campbell announced today that the DRAFT COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION on North Carolina Department of Transportation's replacement of five culverts under Highway 94 that crosses Lake Mattamuskeet and a request for a right-of-way expansion at the culverts sites is available for public review and comment until April 26, 2013. The Department of Transportation is requesting the expanded right-of-ways to replacement the culverts and for future maintenance of the culvert structures. The work proposed will be conducted on Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge. Comments are being sought on the benefits and impacts from issuing a Right-of-Way Permit.

Federal wildlife refuges are required by law to determine the compatibility of any proposed use with the mission of the national wildlife refuge system and the purpose for which a particular refuge was established. "The mission of Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge is to protect migratory birds and other native wildlife and their breeding grounds and habitat for the benefit of the American people," stated Campbell. He added, "We want the community to be informed about the work being proposed and to have an opportunity to weigh in on the pros and cons of that work."

If you wish to review the Draft Compatibility Determination, copies are available at the Refuge administrative office at 85 Mattamuskeet Road, Swan Quarter, NC, on the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge web site <http://www.fws.gov/mattamuskeet>, and at the Mattamuskeet Schools Library. Written comments may be sent to: Refuge Manager, Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, 85 Mattamuskeet Road, Swan Quarter, NC 27885 or emailed to jerry_fringeli@fws.gov.

All comments must be submitted no later than close of business (4:00 PM) on April 26, 2013. If you need additional information, please contact Deputy Refuge Manager Jerry Fringeli at (252) 926-4021 X22.

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