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COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC USE OF SUGAR ISLAND UNIT, DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

GROSSE ILE, MICHIGAN – A 14-day public comment period on a draft Compatibility Determination for additional public use of Sugar Island Unit, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), begins May 2nd and runs through Wednesday, May 15, 2013. This draft Compatibility Determination is being issued to ensure that additional public use of Sugar Island is compatible with the Refuge's purpose and mission. If any use is determined to be "incompatible", it will not be allowed on Sugar Island. The Compatibility Determination will be available for public review and comment at the Refuge office located at 9311 Groh Rd., Grosse Ile, MI 48138 for the 14-day period identified above.

The public is invited to provide written comments to Steve Dushane, Assistant Refuge Manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (9311 Groh Rd., Grosse Ile, MI 48138; steve_dushane@fws.gov) by 5 PM on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

The Refuge incorporates more than 5,800 acres along 48 miles of the lower Detroit River and western Lake Erie. The Refuge focuses on conserving, protecting, and restoring habitat for a broad range of native fish and wildlife and their habitats. It is the first international refuge in North America and one of a few urban ones in the nation. Unique habitats being managed within the Refuge includes islands and shoals, coastal wetlands, wet prairie, and forest.

For more information, contact Assistant Refuge Manager, Steve Dushane (734-692-7604).

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