



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that there is interest in offering commercially guided wildlife viewing, photography, environmental education, and interpretation activities on Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges. These activities encompass a wide array of outdoor activities and supporting uses. Supporting uses may include river floating, kayaking, camping, backpacking, etc. While allowed "concurrently and incidentally" to permitted big game and sport fish guiding, this activity is not currently permitted as a separate or primary activity.

In order to consider allowing commercially guided wildlife-dependent activities as a permitted primary use, the refuge must follow a process that includes consideration under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and additional scrutiny under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy regarding appropriate use and compatibility determinations. We hope to complete this analysis within one year and will be seeking public comment as part of the process.

Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuges would like to hear from you regarding the proposed use.

1. What are your thoughts regarding these activities on Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuges?
2. If you are interested in conducting these types of activities, what type of trip would interest you? What destinations are you interested in on the Refuges?
3. Do you have any concerns regarding the proposed uses?

We value your input. Please respond with any thoughts or concerns by emailing [fw7\\_apb\\_input@fws.gov](mailto:fw7_apb_input@fws.gov).

If you have questions, please contact Kevin Payne ([kevin\\_payne@fws.gov](mailto:kevin_payne@fws.gov), 907-246-1206) or Susan Alexander ([susan\\_alexander@fws.gov](mailto:susan_alexander@fws.gov), 907-246-1200).

Sincerely,

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