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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPORTFISHING GUIDE PROSPECTUS

The Prospectus and Request for Proposal to Conduct Commercial Sport Fishing Services within Areas of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge will be available for review and submission of proposals. Specifically, the upper Kenai River within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge has had a limited number of sport fishing permits available since 1984. This solicitation for proposals represents a continuation of the competitively awarded permit process established in 1997, with competitive permits awarded in 1998 and 2008 respectively. This competitive process is consistent with published commercial services regulations. There are twenty competitively awarded permits for the Upper Kenai River. Approximately six permits will be awarded at this time.

On May 1, 2008, prospectuses will be available at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters and interested applicants will have 90 days to submit proposals. Prospective permittees must submit a proposal by August 1, 2008. Selection of successful applicants will be completed by December 14, 2008, for a five year permit period beginning May 1, 2009.

Requests for a prospectus can be sent to the Refuge Manager, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge or by email at kenai@fws.gov. Please call Rick Johnston at (907) 262-7021 with any questions regarding the prospectus or visitor services programs.

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