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Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Extension of Comment Period:
Proposed Compatibility Regulations
Pursuant to the National Wildlife
Refuge System Improvement Act of
1997**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of
comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the
comment period on the **Federal Register**
proposed rule dated September 9, 1999
(64 FR 49056) that invites the public to
comment on our proposed compatibility
regulations. We are also extending the
comment period on the **Federal Register**
notice dated September 9, 1999 (64 FR

49067) that invites the public to
comment on our draft compatibility
policy.

DATES: Submit comments on or before
December 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning
these proposed compatibility
regulations via mail, fax or email to:
Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax
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22203; fax (703)358-2248; e-mail
Compatibility_Regulations
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a
Federal Register proposed rule dated
September 9, 1999, we published our
proposed compatibility regulations
describing the process for determining
whether or not a use of a national
wildlife refuge is a compatible use. We

also published in a **Federal Register**
notice dated September 9, 1999, our
draft compatibility policy describing the
process for determining whether or not
a use of a national wildlife refuge is a
compatible use. We received several
requests to extend the public comment
period beyond the November 8, 1999
due date. In order to ensure that the
public has an adequate opportunity to
review and comment on our draft policy
and proposed regulations we are
extending the comment period to
December 8, 1999.

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Dated: November 9, 1999.

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