

ANWR hearings to start Jan. 5

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold hearings next month on a draft report on wildlife and oil values of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska.

January hearings have been set for Anchorage and Kaktovik, as well as Washington, D.C., officials said. They noted that persons unable to attend the hearings may send their written comments on the report by Jan. 23. to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — Attention: Division of Refuge Management, 2343 Main Interior Building, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

The meetings include:

- Anchorage**, Jan. 5, Egan Civic and Convention Center, all-day hearing beginning at 9 a.m.

- Kaktovik** Jan. 6, City Council Building, 7 p.m.

- Washington, D.C.**, Jan. 9, Interior Building Auditorium, Department of Interior, 18th and C Streets N.W., 1:30 p.m.

Public comments on the report are being solicited to assist the Interior secretary in making his final recommendation to Congress on how the coastal plain of the refuge should be managed.

His comments will be included as a part of the final report and legislative Environmental Impact Statement to Congress.