Meetings focus on management of ANWR rivers

River management in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will be the focus of four meetings, starting Thursday, according the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Public comment on river management alternatives will be sought at the meetings, which include:

 Thursday, 7 p.m., Fish and Wildlife Service office in Anchorage.

 Nov. 5, 7 p.m., Noel Wein Library, Fairbanks.

•Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Community Center, Kaktovik.

•Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Arctic Village School, Arctic Village.

Comments must be sent in by Dec. 15 in order to be considered when the plan is drafted, according to the agency.

Those who want more information on the meetings or to receive a copy of a workbook discussing the alternatives may write or call the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Room 266 Federal Building and Courthouse, 101 12th Ave., Box 20, Fairbanks 99701; phone, 456-0250.