

Six Wildlife Refuges to Be Included in Preservation System

WASHINGTON—Six Wildlife refuges in Alaska have been recommended for inclusive in the National Wilderness Preservation system by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, according to U.S. Senator Mike Gravel.

Senator Gravel said the committee named the Bering Sea, Bogoslof, Tuxedni, St. Lazaria, Hazy Islands and Forrester Island refuges in its recommendation.

Another recommendation by the committee amends the U.S. Code to permit teachers appointed in Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools to serve only a school

year in order to have their travel and transportation expenses paid to their first post of duty.

Senator Gravel said the code now requires a calendar year of service, which works a hardship not only on the teacher but with the BIA.

"This will assist the BIA by giving them knowledge early in the year the number of vacancies occurring," Senator Gravel said. "They then have the opportunity to compete with public schools in recruiting for quality teachers," Senator Gravel said.