

****Vacancy Announcement****
Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge Bethel, Alaska
Fish and Wildlife Administrator
(Refuge Manager)
GS-0480-14

Application Deadline: December 22, 2023



What? Yukon Delta NWR, located within the northern boreal zone of southwestern Alaska, is one of the largest refuges in the nation, covering nearly 22 million acres. It encompasses an extensive array of nearly unaltered habitats including both the Andraefsky and Nunivak Wilderness areas, a thriving delta with extensive tundra and meadows interspersed with countless waterbodies, hills and mountains that rise up to 3,000 feet in elevation, and volcanic islands bounded by rocky bluffs and soaring sand dunes. The rivers, streams and tributaries provide abundant

spawning habitat for all five species of Pacific salmon as well as for at least 35 other species of fish. The refuge supports a diverse assemblage of large mammals, including caribou, moose, and muskox, as well as wolves, wolverines, and bears. In addition to the abundant species of wildlife, the refuge is also home to over 25,000 Native residents who rely on the fish and wildlife within the refuge to sustain their traditional subsistence way of life. Every year birds from around the world migrate to the Yukon Delta to nest and raise their young. The number of birds and diversity of species that annually visit the refuge is without equal elsewhere on the globe. It is truly one of the world's most important sites for migratory birds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yyMEoqG0jA>

Where? The refuge headquarters is located about 400 miles west of Anchorage in the town of Bethel. Nestled along the Kuskokwim River, this community can only be accessed by commercial aircraft or boat and is the main hub for 56 villages located on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Even though this city is considered a “bush” community, with an estimated population of 6,500 residents, it is the largest bush community in the state. Bethel has many amenities of larger cities such as a movie theater, museum, hospital, restaurants, and large grocery stores. For the nature explorers, Bethel offers a variety of outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, kayaking, fishing, nature walks, berry-picking and bird-watching. Bethel is also the home of the Kuskokwim 300, one of the most highly regarded dogsled races in Alaska, attracting some of the world’s top long-distance dog mushing teams.



For more information, contact Ronnie Sanchez, acting Refuge Chief, at 907-306-2361, ronnie_sanchez@fws.gov or Laurie Boeck, Acting Yukon Delta Refuge Manager, at 907-543-1003, laurie_boeck@fws.gov.

Application Instructions: This position is being advertised for Merit Promotion (MP), and Public (DE) candidates. Candidates are encouraged to apply to all announcements they qualify for.

- Merit Promotion (MP) candidates can apply to announcement R7-24-12225534-JP-MP online at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/763820600>
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