

# Chincoteague

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### *Comprehensive Conservation Plan Update*

As spring arrives, the planning team continues its hard work developing the comprehensive conservation plan for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. We intended to release a draft CCP and environmental impact statement for public review and comment in March, however we are behind schedule. We now intend to release the draft for public review by the end of May. There will be opportunities for public review and comment, including information sessions and at least one public hearing, for 60 days following publication of the draft plan.

We continue to thoroughly analyze the wildlife conservation and recreational benefits, and the environmental and socio-economic impacts, of three proposed management alternatives. The alternatives have not changed:

- b **Alternative A** is the status quo and current management alternative as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. This alternative continues current management strategies as established by the Master Plan approved in 1992.
- b **Alternative B** would continue established habitat and wildlife management strategies but focus them in light of the new goals and vision established by the CCP.