June 5 Event To Kick Off National Fishing Week

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WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs David W. Anderson will join Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and local inner-city youth as they participate in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 14th Annual Kids Fishing Day being held June 5 starting at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington, Minn. The event at Minnesota Valley NWR, which has been extremely popular for 13 years, kicks off National Fishing Week and promotes outdoor recreation, national wildlife refuges and the sport of fishing.

Anderson will participate in the morning fishing session reserved for inner-city youth. They will be transported by bus from city schools and fish in bass ponds located a short drive (5 minutes) from the refuge visitor center in Bloomington. Lunch will be provided by the Red Lake Nation, a major co-sponsor of this event. Approximately 100 to 150 children and dozens of volunteers are expected to attend the morning session.

WHO: David W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, USDOI Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior

WHAT: USFWS 14th Annual Kids Fishing Day kick-off event for National Fishing Week. WHEN: Saturday, June 5, 2004 starting at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (CDT).

WHERE: Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Bloomington, Minn.

Note to Editors: Credentialed media covering the event should be in place by 8:45 a.m. Press seating will be provided. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m.