

**PIC Pribilof Islands' Birds Meeting  
February 21-22 2006  
Homer, Alaska**



**Tuesday February 21**

8:00am Coffee, mingling, poster session

8:30 USFWS Welcome Address: Rowan Gould, Regional Director USFWS

8:35 Introductions, Pribilof collaborative process, Meeting plan: Brock Bernstein, facilitator

8:45 Opening Address: Pribilof Islands' Birds  
Speaker: Aquilina Lestenkof

9:00 Overview: Pribilof/ Marine Birds Biology and Ecology  
Panel members: George Divoky, Julia Parrish, Heather Renner, John Piatt, Art Sowls,  
Alan Springer

- 9:00 Biology and Ecology of Marine Birds  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Julia Parrish
- 9:25 Oceanography, climate change, and marine birds  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Alan Springer
- 9:45 Seabirds as indicators of the marine environment  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Heather Renner

**10:00 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**

**10:30 Break/ Caucus**

10:50 Status and Refuge Monitoring of Pribilofs (Bering Sea) Birds  
Panel members: Art Sowls, Phil Zavadil, Aquilina Lestenkof, Max Malavansky Jr.  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Art Sowls

**11:30 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**

- 11:50 Tourism/ Economic Value of Birds  
Speaker: Poppy Benson
- 12:00 Subsistence/ Cultural Value of Pribilof Birds  
Speaker: Max Malavansky Jr
- 12:10 Question and Answer Session**
- 12:30 Lunch** (off site/ transportation to local restaurants available)
- 2:00 Current Research and Research Needs  
Panel members: Vernon Byrd, David Hyrenbach, Martin Renner, Alan Springer, John Piatt  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: John Piatt
- 2:30 Integration of LTKW and NPRB Research Funding Opportunities  
Presenter: Francis Wiese (NPRB)
- 2:45 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**
- 3:00 Break/ Caucus**
- 3:20 GIS mapping project Distribution of Select Pribilof Area Seabirds and Seabird Prey Concentrations  
Presenter: Bruce Robson
- 3:45 Question and Answer Session**
- 4:00 Management Issues
- 4:00-4:15 Case Study in Successful Collaboration: Reduction of seabird incidental take in the Alaska longline fishing fleet  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Ed Melvin (available this day only)  
Panel members: Ed Melvin, Kim Rivera, Thorn Smith, Greg Balogh (invited)
- 4:15-4:30 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**
- 4:30-4:45 Management Issues I: Oil Spills & Contaminants  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Catherine Berg  
Panel members: Catherine Berg, Julia Parrish (available this day only), Francis Wiese, Aquilina Lestenkof, Glenn Ford  
Topics include:
- 4:45-5:00 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**
- 5:00 Day's review and wrap up
- 7:00 Dinner gathering and Door Prizes (at Don Jose's Mexican restaurant; transportation available)

## Wednesday February 22

- 8:00 Social coffee/juice/muffins
- 8:30 Review of day 1 Brock Bernstein
- 8:45 Management Issues (continued from Day 1)
- 8:45-9:00 Management Issues 2: Rats  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Art Sowls  
Panel members: Art Sowls, Max Malavansky Jr, Phil Zavadil
- 9:00-9:15 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**
- 9:15-9:45 Management Issues 3: Fishery Issues  
LEAD/ PRESENTER: Shannon Fitzgerald  
Panelists: Ann Edwards, Shannon Fitzgerald, Kathy Kuletz, Phil Zavadil,
- 9:45-10:15 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**
- 10:15-10:45 Management Issues 4: Land-Based Management Issues  
Panelists: Aquilina Lestenkof and/or Phil Zavadil, Max Malavansky Jr, Bob Gill, Lee Tibbits
- 10:45-11:00 Question and Answer/ Panel Discussion Session**
- 11:00-11:20 Break/ Caucus**
- 11:20 Review and Begin Discussions on Mitigating Actions (Brock Bernstein, lead)
- 12:30 Lunch** (Off site/ transportation to local restaurants available)
- 2:00 Continue Discussions on Mitigating Actions
- 4:00 Meeting review and wrap up
- 4:15 Meeting close

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