

# **Updates on CWCS and ADFG Partner Program**



# State Wildlife Grant Program -funding history-

Program	Year	Nation-wide (million dollars)	Alaska (million dollars)
WCRP	2001	\$50	\$2.4
SWG	2002	\$85	\$3.9
SWG	2003	\$65	\$2.9
SWG	2004	\$70	\$3.1
SWG	2005	\$69	\$3.0



# Alaska SWG Funds

- Shared by 3 Divisions: Wildlife Conservation, Sport Fish, Administration
- Within DWC, funds are shared among various programs
- Anticipate \$500K each year for ADFG Partner Program

# ADFG Partner Program



- Projects require 25% non-federal matching funds
- Initial emphasis on surveys and database development: filling information gaps
- Meet objectives in the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS)

# ADFG Partner Program



- 18 projects funded
- \$2M in commitments over 4 years
- Partners include private consultants, ABO, Alaska Audubon, TNC, AKNHP, USFWS, UA, UAM, OSU, Scripps Institute.

# Examples of Projects



- Avian Banding Station, Creamers Field
- GIS Mapping of Terrestrial Ecosystems in Southeast Alaska
- Important Bird Areas of Alaska
- Cooperative Acoustic Monitoring of Pacific Right Whales
- Distribution and Habitat Ecology of Bats in Southeast Alaska
- Complete list on Nongame Program Website

# Wildlife Conservation Strategy

- Required by SWG enabling legislation
- Approved strategy in place with Federal Aid by October 2005 (internal draft by 10/04)



# Species Expert Working Groups

## Marine

- Seabirds
- Marine Mammals
- Marine Inverts.
- Marine Fish

## Aquatic/Riparian

- Shorebirds
- Waterbirds
- Freshwater Fish
- Freshwater Inverts.

## Terrestrial

- Raptors
- Landbirds
- Land Mammals
- Small Mammals/Bats
- Terrestrial Inverts.

# Landbird Working Group

- Based on Alaska Landbird Plan
- Steve Matsuoka, Colleen Handel, Michelle Kissling, Chris Harwood
- + peer reviewers
- Develop objectives
  - Targets
  - Measures
- Develop conservation actions

# Landbird Templates

- Landbirds with long-term population declines
- Landbirds sensitive to forest management
- Aleutian and Bering Sea island endemics
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Rusty Blackbird
- Smith's Longspur



# Blackpoll Warbler Template

- **Objective:** Restore population to 1980 levels in Alaska.
- **Target:** An average 3.8% increase in population size per year over the next 25 years.
- **Measure:** Population trend estimated jointly from the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) in Alaska and its complementary program in roadless areas of the state, the Alaska Landbird Monitoring Survey (ALMS).

# Blackpoll Warbler Template

- **Issue:** Potential exposure to contaminants is a concern across their range.
- **Conservations action:** Conduct assessment of presence of contaminants in breeding and wintering Blackpoll warblers.

# Blackpoll Warbler Template

- **Issue:** There is a general lack of understanding of the breeding habitat requirements of this species in Alaska. Thus it is difficult to conserve or enhance important areas for breeding to help meet the objective of restoring populations to 1980's levels.
- **Conservation actions:**
- Conduct field studies or analyses of existing data to determine important habitats and habitat attributes that support high densities, abundant food resources, or high rates of survival, reproduction, and recruitment. Combine such studies with conservation action j when possible.
- Use results from such studies to strategically protect or enhance important areas and habitats to help meet the objective of restoring populations to 1980's levels (Rosenberg 2004 a and b).
- Communicate the habitat needs of this species to appropriate land managers and regulatory agencies in Alaska.

# Raptor Working Group

- Based on Statewide Raptor Plan
- Peter Bente, Jack Whitman, Steve Lewis, Clayton White, Angela Matz, Ted Swem, Charlie Stock
- + peer reviewers
- Develop objectives
  - Targets
  - Measures
- Develop conservation actions

# Raptor Templates

- Contaminant affected raptors
- Diurnal migrant raptors
- Forest owls
- Snowy Owl
- Black Merlin & Gyrfalcon
- Northern Goshawk



# Alaska's CWCS

- 300 pp. of templates from experts
- +435 pp. of species descriptions (AKNHP)
- + 40 pp. of text
- =800 page document
- ADF&G staff review, in mid-January
- public review occurring from 2/3 to 4/1

# National Benefits

- Proactive – keep common species common
- National Roll-up: first look at conservation needs of wildlife nation-wide
- Increase conservation funding
- Emphasis on coordination
- Emphasis on collaboration
- Living document



# Potential Partners

- How many not affiliated with a state or federal agency?
- How many from a corporation or private company?
- How many from a Native organization?



# Partnering Opportunities

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- Look for ways to coordinate efforts, and address high priority needs.
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# Website

[http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/  
management/nongame/nongame.cfm](http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/management/nongame/nongame.cfm)





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