

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
ALASKA LANDBIRD MONITORING SURVEY
Among

Alaska Bird Observatory
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Alaska Natural Heritage Program
Bureau of Land Management
National Audubon Society
National Park Service
USDA Forest Service
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Geological Survey

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Purpose

- Developed as a recommendation by BPIF at the 2003 meeting.
- To establish a framework for collaboration among agencies to implement the Alaska Landbird Monitoring Survey.
- Educate administrators about ALMS.
- Gain support for biologists wanting to participate in ALMS.

Points of Agreement

- Adopt mutually agreed upon standardized protocols for data acquisition.
- Share data.
 - Data submitted to and stored in the USGS Alaska Science Center's state-wide repository.
 - All data will be compiled electronically and made available to all Cooperators each year.
 - Progress report given each year at the annual BPIF meeting and to all Cooperators as an annual written report.

Points of Agreement

- Employ mutually agreed upon analytical procedures.
- Facilitate efforts to obtain funding and support by respective organizations and agencies.
- If participation and funding needed to meet objectives are not secured within 5 years of the agreement, Cooperators will be notified.
- If Cooperators agree that this MOU should be terminated, then electronic copies of data will be distributed to each Cooperator.

Progress Report

- All agencies have verbally agreed to sign the MOU.
- Final revisions are being made to meet all of the agencies requirements on agreements.
- Hope to have the agreement completed early 2005.

What's next?

- Will need to develop a strategy for using the MOU to help implement ALMS.
- Develop a separate agreement with DoD.