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**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
WILDLIFE RESTORATION GRANT**

Grant Number: AKW-10 Wildlife Restoration FY2016

Project Number: 20.0

Project Title: Alaska Wildlife Planning

Project Duration: 1 July 2015–30 June 2016

Report Due Date: 28 September 2016

Principal Investigator: Darren L. Bruning

Work Location: Region III

Project Activities and Accomplishments

Region III

ACTIVITY 1: Identify, evaluate, and prioritize existing and emerging wildlife management issues throughout the region, and identify the planning and public involvement work needed to address the issues

Accomplishments:

- Completed planning efforts for the release of wood bison bulls in the Innoko/Lower Yukon region. Those efforts involved
 - working closely with Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC) to facilitate Dr. Bath's graduate students' work regarding attitudes about bison
 - working closely with AWCC to coordinate release efforts
 - assisting with logistical planning and implementation to assemble personnel for bison handling prior to transport and release of the bull bison
 - communicate with communities in the Lower Innoko/Yukon River area regarding issues of bison behavior and to address safety concerns related to bison

ACTIVITY 2: Design and implement collaborative planning processes to address priority wildlife management issues and increase stakeholder involvement in wildlife policy decision-making.

Accomplishments:

- Completed distribution of final management plan for wood bison in the Lower Innoko/Yukon Rivers area.

ACTIVITY 3: Coordinate collaborative planning efforts with advisory committees and federal and regional subsistence councils, and reports and presentations on planning projects will be made to the State Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board.

Accomplishments:

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- Met regularly with many groups—advisory committees, advisory councils, federal and state agencies, and private groups— to present and discuss final wood bison management plan and exchange information and concerns

ACTIVITY 4: Implement and/or monitor implementation of plans that result from collaborative planning processes.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored implementation of Fortymile Caribou Herd (FCH) Harvest Management Plan

ACTIVITY 5: Produce Power Point presentations, newsletters and other informational materials to inform members of the public and other agencies of wildlife planning activities and provide opportunities for public comment.

Accomplishments:

- Gave wood bison presentation to Fairbanks (Arctic) Audubon Society Chapter.

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