

**FEDERAL AID
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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**HUNTER INFORMATION AND TRAINING
PERFORMANCE REPORT**

STATE: Alaska

GRANT AND SEGMENT NR.: W-31-HS-4

PROJECT NR.: 1.0

WORK LOCATION: Statewide

PERIOD: 1 July 2001–30 June 2002

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: To develop and conduct an educational program for the following purposes:

1. Implement the hunter education program to produce skilled, ethical hunters going afield.
(See Activity #s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8)
2. Promote broader understanding of the role of hunting in managing wildlife.
(See Activity #s 1, 6)
3. Create a long-term partnership between wildlife users and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
(See Activity #s 1, 5, 6)

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS TOWARD OBJECTIVES:

Job Activity 1. Conduct overall program planning and coordination.

Accomplishments: This year we enrolled 2166 students in 120 basic HIT courses, and presented 2399 students with certification through the Hunter Information and Training Program.

Student enrollment in basic hunter education courses ranged from 3 per course to 228 per course, averaging 9.4 students certified per course. We certified 1793 students statewide in the basic program. Bowhunter instructors certified 473 students this year. We presented 133 students with their muzzleloader certification this year. Most students were from Anchorage, Fairbanks, the Kenai Peninsula, and the Mat-su valley.

Job Activity 2. Recruit new volunteer hunter education instructors and train them.

Accomplishments: We recruited 28 basic hunter education instructors and 19 bowhunter instructors this year.

Job Activity 3. Evaluate and continue to train current instructors.

Accomplishments: Instructor training workshops were held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Cold Bay. We trained 79 basic hunter education instructors on the new field course and independent study option. We are planning to start instructor Evaluations in Fiscal year 2004.

Job Activity 4. Monitor and evaluate instructor testing.

Accomplishments: We did not do this activity during the period.

Job Activity 5. Maintain control and distribution of the hunter education inventory materials.
Accomplishments: Approximately 2500 basic hunter education student packets and 750 bowhunter packets were distributed from the statewide office. All hunter education instructors contact the statewide office for student materials.

Job Activity 6. Revise the Project Statement to reflect progress over the past several years and incorporate new direction in the program.

Accomplishments: We completed the new instructor policy manual and continued the implementation of the independent study option. We met the increased demand for mandatory basic hunter education in GMU's 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20. During April – June, the HIT mobile system spent 8–10 weeks in south-central Alaska conducting a wide variety of clinics and hunter education certification courses. Reloading, Becoming an Outdoor woman, and waterfowl wounding reduction clinics were held in addition to offering basic hunter education and muzzleloading certification courses in urban and rural communities. We continued the hunter clinic series, including clinics on bear hunting, bear baiting, and becoming an Alaskan hunter.

Job Activity 7. Conduct regional workshops to recruit and train instructors to implement the basic hunter education independent study option on a statewide basis in 2001-2002.

Accomplishments: See Job Activities 2, 3.

Job Activity 8. Develop and organize instructional “kits” for instructors.

Accomplishments: We developed 8 instructional field kits for statewide use in the basic hunter education courses. These kits include cut-away, non-firing firearms, the complete field course, .22 rifles or air rifles and ammunition, and all classroom and testing materials.

MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN BASIC COURSES

Female 430
Alaska Natives 124
Black 8
Oriental 41
Hispanic 25
Alaskans with disabilities 18

MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN BOW HUNTER COURSES

Female 26
Alaska Native 7
Black 2
Oriental 1
Hispanic 7
Alaskans with disabilities 5

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Statewide Project Costs:

State Share = \$141,944

Federal Share = \$52,025

Total Costs = \$193,969