FEDERAL AID ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

HUNTER INFORMATION AND TRAINING PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE: Alaska

GRANT AND SEGMENT NR.: W-31-HS-5 PROJECT NR.: 1.0

WORK LOCATION: Statewide

PERIOD: 1 July 2002 – 30 June 2003

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 1-10)
- 2. Promote broader understanding of the role of hunting in managing wildlife. (See Activity #s 1,2)
- Create a long-term partnership between wildlife users and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
 (See Activity #c 1, 7, 8, 10)

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PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS TOWARD OBJECTIVES:

Job Activity 1. <u>Complete and publish a new basic hunter education curriculum manual</u> Accomplishments: The Draft Hunter Ed manual has been completed. We are currently reviewing staff and instructor comments to determine which comments and suggestions should be included in the manual, this will be completed by October 31, 2003 with a final version by December 15th and publication in January 2004.

Job Activity 2. <u>Conduct regional workshops to recruit and train instructors to implement the</u> basic hunter education independent study option on a statewide basis in 2002-2003

Accomplishments: We completed 9 regional Instructor workshops; in Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks and Juneau. We trained 109 basic H.E. instructors and 18 bowhunter instructors.

Job Activity 3. <u>Recruit students and conduct clinics/classes for the public in various areas of the state.</u>

Accomplishments: We conducted Basic Hunter education, Bowhunter education, Muzzleloader education, Steelshot and reloading clinics in 45 communities around the state. We certified 2175 basic hunter ed students, 665 bowhunter education students and 90 muzzleloader students. Job Activity 4. <u>Use the mobile shooting sports facility to deliver clinics and classes to</u> various areas of the state.

Accomplishments: In Anchorage the Mobile program was present at the Great Alaska Sportsman show and the Elmendorf Air show for Program information distribution, Instructor recruitment, class sign up, and interactive shooting.

Basic hunter education classes were conducted in Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg. Bowhunter education classes were taught in Sitka and Haines. Steel shot clinics were taught in Juneau, Petersburg and Wrangell. Muzzleloader education was taught in Craig, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan

The Mobile program attended the Alaska state fair in Palmer for program information distribution, instructor recruitment and interactive shooting.

The Mobile program attended the Becoming an Outdoors Woman weekend in Salcha to teach classes in Basic Hunter Education, Introduction to Firearms and Basic Shotgunning.

- Job Activity 5. <u>Implement instructor evaluation process.</u> Accomplishments: The implementation of the instructor evaluation process has not begun. We are planning to start this process in the spring of 2004.
- Job Activity 6. <u>Implement new instructor incentive program.</u> Accomplishments: The new instructor incentive program has been implemented. To date no instructor has participated in the new incentive program
- Job Activity 7. <u>Maintain control and distribution of the hunter education inventory materials.</u> Accomplishments: Control and distribution of Hunter education materials has been maintained out of the Anchorage office. All student packets are sent out 30 days prior to class (statewide). Field kits have been sent to Bethel, Dillingham, Glenallen, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka and Soldotna. Cut-away firearms have been transferred to Soldotna and a second set to Fairbanks.
- Job Activity 8. <u>Conduct program review prior to establishing new 5 year plan.</u> Accomplishments: The federal program review was completed in August of 2002. Further internal review is awaiting hire of a new program coordinator.

Job Activity 9. <u>Complete and distribute new video guide to teaching the Alaska hunter</u> education field course and live fire proficiency exercises.

Accomplishments: The video guide was filmed in July-August 2002 and edited in the winter of 2002-2003 final edit and distribution will be November-December 2003

Job Activity 10. <u>Develop and implement optically-scanned course records system.</u> Accomplishments: An access-based course records system and a full-color card printer has been ordered, implementation will be in November 2003

Minority Participation In Basic Courses

Female 378 Alaska Natives 86 Black 4 Oriental 10 Hispanic 16 Alaskans with disabilities 4

Minority Participation In Bow Hunter Courses

Female 43 Alaska Native 5 Black 5 Oriental 8 Hispanic 5 Alaskans with disabilities 3

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Statewide Project Costs:

State Share \$101,095 + Federal Share \$303,313 = Total Costs \$404,408