

2. See # 1 above. An aerial survey and photographic census of molting flocks on the west side of Cook Inlet was completed in September 2005. We located 2100 Steller's eiders molting in Kamishak Bay. No boat surveys were conducted due to weather and USFWS did not fly aerial surveys of the east side of Cook Inlet.

3. No surveys were conducted in Cook Inlet due to weather. Limited surveys were conducted in Kodiak. Results have not been fully analyzed.

4. In concert with Steller's Eider Habitat Conservation Planning Project we marked 21 Steller's eiders with satellite transmitters in Kodiak in March 2005. We identified routes and timing of movements to Russian breeding areas for 9 females and 4 males and identified molting locations for 6 females and 3 males. We identified affiliations between wintering areas in Kodiak, breeding locations in Russia, and molting locations in Cook Inlet and on the Alaska Peninsula.

5. No Alaskan breeding birds were identified in Cook Inlet through satellite telemetry. Poor weather aborted plans to capture and band molting birds in Kamishak Bay, test for avian influenza and collect blood samples. An unsuccessful trip was attempted in September 2005.

Project Costs: Federal share \$9,180.64 + state share \$3,060.21 = total cost \$12,240.86

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