

**FEDERAL AID
FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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**Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
SAFE HARBORS GRANT**

STATE: Alaska

GRANT AND SEGMENT NR.: E-7-SH

PROJECT NR.: 1.0

WORK LOCATION: Primarily Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

PROJECT DURATION: 1 April 2002 – 30 June 2003

PROJECT REPORTING PERIOD: 1 April 2002 – 30 June 2003

PROJECT TITLE: Reducing Exposure of Spectacled and Steller's Eiders to Lead Shot Through Education and Training of Hunters on Private Lands

Project Objectives:

1. Reduce exposure of spectacled and Steller's eiders to lead shot on private lands.
2. Increase the use of nontoxic shot by hunters in eider habitats.
3. Promote the availability of nontoxic shot ammunition in communities in and near eider habitats.

Summary of Project Accomplishments:

- 1-3. From 1 April 2002 through 30 June 2003 we conducted 37 clinics and reached 716 hunters. Two clinics were conducted in Wainwright, and Pt. Lay, (spectacled and Steller's eiders breeding habitat). Two clinics were conducted in Newtok and Chefornek (breeding habitat for spectacled and Steller's eiders). Two clinics were conducted in Chignik Lagoon and King Salmon (Stellar's eider migration and wintering habitat) and one clinic in Selawik (spectacled eider post breeding habitat). By supplying non-toxic ammunition, encouraging the use and demonstrating the lethality of steel shot on waterfowl through the use of hands-on and audio-visual strategies we are able to reduce exposure of spectacled and Steller's eiders and increase the use of non toxic shot. By inviting storeowners and village leaders to these clinics we are able to encourage them to increase the availability of steel shot to local hunters.

Project Costs: Federal share \$30,029 + state share \$9,809 = total cost \$ 39,838

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