

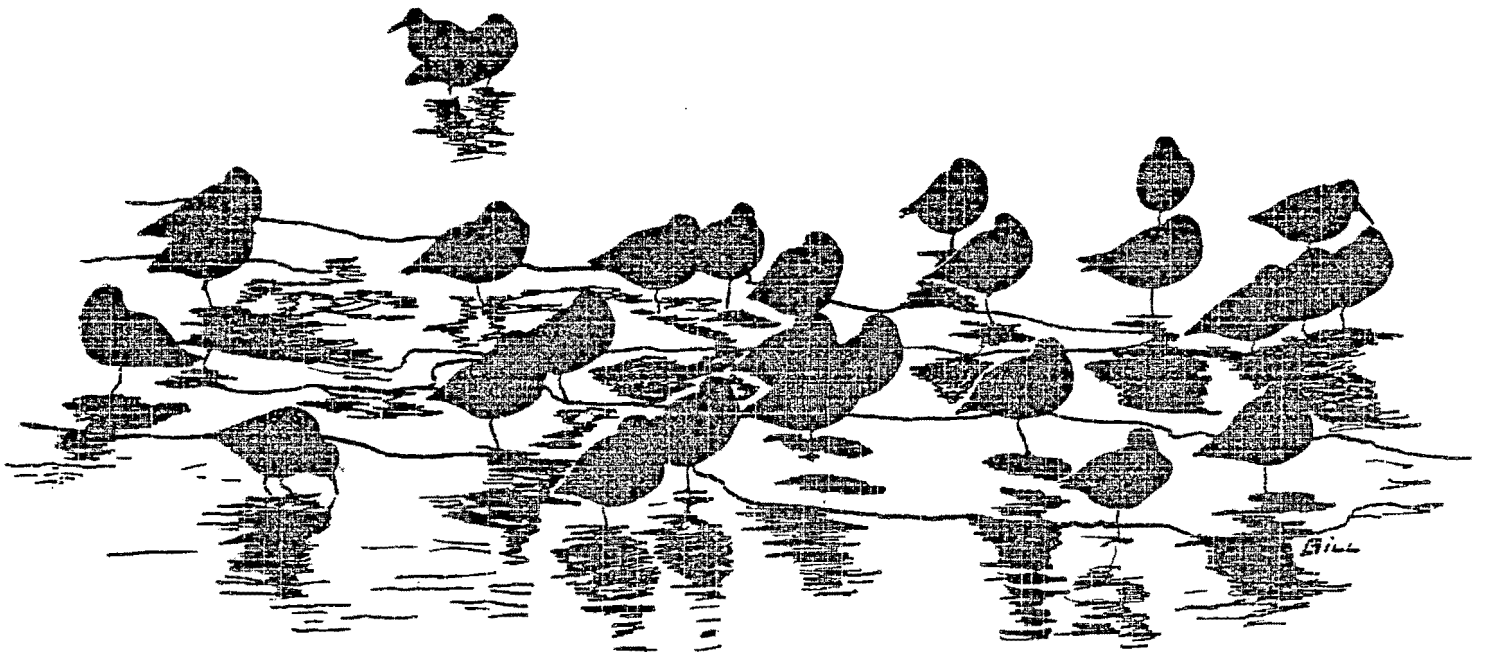
GOALS AND ROLES OF THE NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM, ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
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Abstract: The 1980 Alaska State Legislature appropriated \$150,000 to fund a Nongame Wildlife Program within the Game Division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The initial emphasis of the Program when it commenced in January, 1981, was: 1) to find out what other states were doing for nongame wildlife; 2) to finish hiring a Program staff;

and, 3) to organize a workshop and other public meetings to solicit suggestions from the public on directions and priorities for the Program. Suggestions from other state nongame programs, from the public meetings, and from a Game Division review provided the basis for formulating a Program plan of goals and objectives. These include the functions of management, information/education, and research. The management objectives are: 1) to maintain healthy populations of native nongame wildlife by ensuring that adequate habitat is maintained and by protecting nongame populations from unsustainable losses; and, 2) to maintain opportunities for public use and enjoyment of nongame wildlife. The information and education objectives are: 1) to provide information on wildlife, their habitats, and methods for enjoying them; 2) to disseminate this information to the general public and to educators and youth group leaders statewide; and, 3) to provide opportunities for public participation in research, management, and information projects. Research conducted will be in support of both management and information/education objectives. Projects conducted to meet these objectives will be carried out by Nongame Wildlife Program staff as often as possible. However, because the Program has a limited staff and budget, some projects won't be accomplished unless we cooperate with other agencies, seek volunteer help, jointly fund projects, and contract some projects to others. In these cases, our role will be that of cooperator/facilitator. Results from Program projects should create a data base that can be useful to others for land use or policy making decisions, for informational and educational materials, or for meeting a variety of other needs. Also, Program staff will keep abreast of what others are doing in the nongame wildlife field in Alaska and elsewhere, and coordinate a network for nongame information. Regularly scheduled nongame wildlife meetings will be sponsored (or co-sponsored) to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

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