

### 73. NEW STRATEGIES FOR BIRD CONSERVATION IN ALASKA

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Unique, diverse, and abundant bird species in Alaska attract a growing number of bird watchers from around the world. In addition, viewing wildlife is a major reason many tourists are attracted to Alaska. While hunting revenues are declining nationwide, an increasing number of people are participating in nonconsumptive wildlife recreation (over 135 million Americans participated in wildlife viewing, feeding, or photography in 1985). In recognition of this growing trend, the Division of Wildlife Conservation is seeking new opportunities to fund increased conservation programs for birds and other wildlife that are not hunted. The division is developing a program in cooperation with public and private sector partners to promote and enhance wildlife recreation and education opportunities in Alaska. We believe this is a viable strategy for increasing public support and funding for the conservation of all wildlife species in Alaska.

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