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ALASKA MIGRATORY BIRD CO-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SPRING GATHERING,
May 7 & 8, 2012

The **Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council** will conduct a “Spring Gathering” on May 7-8, 2012, registration (free) beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Gorsuch Commons, on the University of Alaska-Anchorage campus. The Co-management Council, which includes Alaska Native, State and Federal representatives as equals, was formed March 28, 2000 by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as required by the amended migratory bird treaties with Canada and Mexico. The Co-management Council is looking to the future, working together as one body; to ensure a positive and meaningful co-management relationship for the benefit of subsistence waterfowl hunters, for the continuation of a traditional and cultural Native way of life, and for the health and abundance of migratory birds.

The Keynote Speaker is Pat Pourchot, Department of the Interior Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs. Other speaker topics include:

- A short history of the Co-management Council;
- Laws/Treaties governing the Co-management Council;
- Update of Duck Stamp legislation;
- Developing a fall/winter subsistence migratory bird season;
- Sale of Native handicrafts using migratory bird parts; and
- Navigating the co-management process.

A draft Gathering agenda will be available online at <http://Alaska.fws.gov/ambcc/calendar.htm>
Copies of the agenda will also be available at the meeting.

For additional information call Donna Dewhurst at 907/786-3499 or toll free at 1-877-229-2344.
Individuals with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate should call one of the above numbers in advance.

Partner Members: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Bristol Bay Native Association, Association of Village Council Presidents, Copper River Native Association, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak, Kawerak Inc, Maniilaq Association, North Slope Borough, Tanana Chiefs Conference

