

**ENDANGERED, THREATENED, PROPOSED, CANDIDATE,
AND DELISTED SPECIES IN ALASKA (Updated May 24, 2013)**

SPECIES MANAGED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Species and Status	Date of status	Critical Habitat Designated	Lead Office	Range in Alaska (AK)
<u>Endangered</u>				
Short-tailed albatross (<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>)	7/31/2000	n/a	Anchorage	Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska
Aleutian shield fern (<i>Polystichum aleuticum</i>)	2/17/1988	n/a	Anchorage	Adak Island
Eskimo curlew (<i>Numenius borealis</i>)	3/11/1967	n/a	Fairbanks	No longer occurs in Alaska
<u>Threatened</u>				
Polar bear (<i>Ursus maritimus</i>)	05/15/2008	n/a	MMM ¹	On sea ice and coastlines of Chukchi, Beaufort, and Bering Seas
Northern sea otter (<i>Enhydra lutris kenyoni</i>) Southwest Alaska DPS ²	8/09/2005	10/08/2009	MMM	Aleutian Islands, Kodiak Island, and Alaska Peninsula
Steller's eider (<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>)	6/11/1997	2/2/2001	Fairbanks	Arctic Coastal Plain, Yukon Delta, all coastal waters except southeast Alaska
Spectacled eider (<i>Somateria fischeri</i>)	5/10/1993	2/6/2001	Fairbanks	Yukon Delta, Arctic Coastal Plain, St. Lawrence Island, Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, and Beaufort Sea
Wood bison (<i>Bison bison athabasca</i>)	6/2/1970	n/a	RO ³	Not currently in the wild in Alaska
<u>Proposed for Listing</u>				
None				
<u>Candidates for Listing</u>				
Yellow-billed loon (<i>Gavia adamsii</i>)	3/25/2009	n/a	Fairbanks	Arctic Coastal Plain, Seward Peninsula, St. Lawrence Island and all coastal waters
Kittlitz's murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus brevirostris</i>)	4/4/2004	n/a	Juneau	Coastal waters in southern and northwestern Alaska
Pacific walrus (<i>Odobenus rosmarus divergens</i>)	2/10/2011	n/a	MMM	Continental shelf waters Bering & Chukchi Seas
<u>Delisted</u>				
Aleutian Canada goose (<i>Branta canadensis leucopareia</i>)	3/20/2001	n/a	Anchorage	Aleutian Islands, Semidi Islands
American peregrine falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>)	8/25/1999	n/a	Fairbanks	Interior Alaska
Arctic peregrine falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus tundrius</i>)	10/5/1994	n/a	Fairbanks	Northern and western Alaska

SPECIES MANAGED BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE⁴

Species and Status	Occurrence	Range in Alaska (AK) ⁵
<u>Endangered</u>		
Steller sea lion (<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>) Western DPS	Regular	Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, Cook Inlet, Gulf of Alaska, Southeast Alaska
Bowhead whale (<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>)	Regular	Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, Bering Sea
Cook Inlet beluga whale (<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>)	Regular	Cook Inlet
Fin whale (<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>)	Regular	Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, Bering Sea, Cook Inlet, Gulf of Alaska, Southeast Alaska
Humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>)	Regular	Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, Bering Sea, Cook Inlet, Gulf of Alaska, Southeast Alaska
Sperm whale (<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>)	Regular	Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, Southeast Alaska
Leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>) ⁶	Rare	Gulf of Alaska
Blue whale (<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>)	Rare	Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska
North Pacific right whale (<i>Eubalaena japonica</i>)	Rare	Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska
Sei whale (<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>)	Rare	Gulf of Alaska
Gray whale (<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>) Western North Pacific DPS	Rare	Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska
<u>Threatened</u>		
Steller sea lion (<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>) Eastern DPS	Regular	Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, Southeast Alaska
Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i> , including <i>agassizi</i>) ⁶	Rare	Gulf of Alaska
Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>) ⁶	Rare	Gulf of Alaska
Bearded seal (<i>Erignathus barbatus nauticus</i>) Beringia DPS	Regular	Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea
Ringed seal, Arctic subspecies (<i>Phoca hispida hispida</i>)	Regular	Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea
Olive Ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>) ⁶	Rare	Gulf of Alaska
<u>Proposed for Listing</u>		
None		
<u>Candidates for Listing</u>		
Pacific herring (<i>Clupea pallasii</i>) Southeast Alaska DPS	2008	Southeast Alaska
Ribbon Seal (<i>Histiophoca fasciata</i>)	2012	Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska
Iliamna Harbor Seal (<i>Phoca vitulina richardii</i>)	2013	Iliamna Lake
<u>Delisted</u>		
Gray whale (<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>) Eastern North Pacific DPS	Recovered	Eastern North Pacific Ocean

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¹ MMM refers to the office of Marine Mammals Management, located in the Alaska Regional Office. MMM personnel prepared the federal rules for both polar bear and northern sea otter. The Fairbanks (polar bear) or Anchorage (northern sea otter) field offices are responsible for section 7 consultations under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., as amended).

² DPS refers to a “Distinct Population Segment” that exhibits both “discreteness” in relation to the remainder of the species and “significance” to the species to which it belongs.

³ RO refers to the Alaska Regional Office.

⁴ Under the ESA, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for listed anadromous fishes, marine fishes, and marine mammals other than sea otter, polar bear, walrus, manatee, and dugong. A number of listed fish species that spawn in the lower 48 may occur in Alaskan waters during the marine phase of their life cycles. See the full NMFS Alaska species list at this site:
http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/esa/ak_nmfs_species.pdf.

⁵ Detailed range maps for species managed by NMFS in Alaska can be found at this website: <http://mapping.fakr.noaa.gov/esa/>.

⁶ Free-swimming turtles, or turtles caught in fishing gear, fall under the jurisdiction of NMFS, whereas turtles on Alaska's beaches fall under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). More information about USFWS species is available at 907.786.3323 or <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/endangered/index.htm>.

STATUS DEFINITIONS

Endangered: A species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

Threatened: A species which is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future.

Proposed: A proposal rule to list this species as either threatened or endangered has been published in the Federal Register.

Candidate: A USFWS species with sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support a proposal to list as threatened or endangered, OR a species NMFS has accepted a petition to list and are in the process of a status review.

Delisted: A species that has been removed from the list of threatened and endangered species. The USFWS or NMFS monitor these species for a period of at least 5 years following delisting.

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