

Office of Science Applications Alaska Region Strategic Plan 2013-2018



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CORE VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

FWS MISSION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) works with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

ALASKA OSA CORE VALUES

Alaska Region Office of Science Applications' (OSA) staff believe that the most strategic conservation decisions are those based on the use of quality information and tools; that the science capacity of the FWS can be increased by working with our partners; that some conservation challenges are too big to be solved by any one program or agency alone; and that conservation approaches must be inherently adaptive.

ALASKA OSA VISION

A unified and nimble conservation community that works together to advance effective conservation delivery in Alaska via identification of shared conservation priorities, application of quality information and tools, and leveraging resources.

ALASKA OSA MISSION

The Office of Science Applications helps the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and partners identify strategic goals for landscape-scale conservation; identify and provide information and tools to achieve those goals; and promote sharing and integration of information and leveraging of funds and capacities to facilitate effective conservation.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: Identify shared conservation priorities, measurable objectives, and information and tools needed to inform strategic conservation actions.

Objectives:

- The Office of Science Applications (OSA) identifies Region 7 FWS science needs and science gaps, establishes priorities, and identifies ways to meet them.
- The OSA collaborates with the Alaska Climate Change Executive Roundtable (ACCER), USGS and other federal and state agencies as appropriate to help align shared science needs.
- The OSA provides communication regarding science needs, achievements, and science products internally to the FWS Region 7 and externally to the public.
- The OSA influences and informs national science policy and direction.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: Help generate, share and integrate needed science information and tools to inform strategic conservation actions.

Objectives:

- The OSA increases access to useable science (including scientific data) to enhance science-based decision making.
- The OSA provides information and advice to FWS staff regarding partnership with outside entities and accessing non-FWS technical expertise.
- The OSA encourages collaboration, co-learning, sharing of knowledge, skill and idea development, and enhanced capacity at the practitioner level, in key strategic areas that support science in the region.
- The OSA communicates methods, data, and results of scientific studies within and outside of the agency.
- The OSA increases FWS technical capacity by providing mentoring opportunities.