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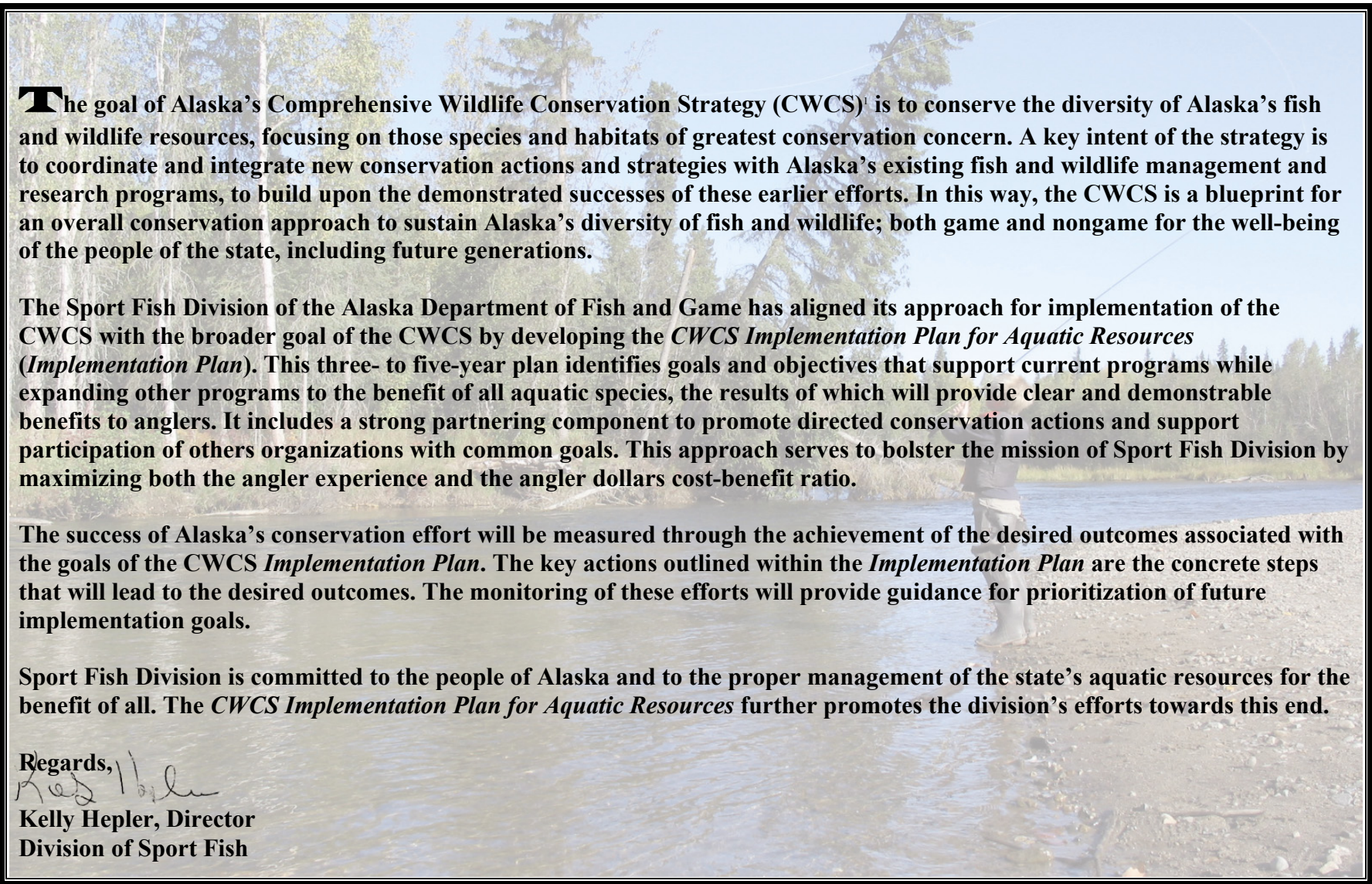
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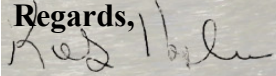


The goal of Alaska's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS)¹ is to conserve the diversity of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources, focusing on those species and habitats of greatest conservation concern. A key intent of the strategy is to coordinate and integrate new conservation actions and strategies with Alaska's existing fish and wildlife management and research programs, to build upon the demonstrated successes of these earlier efforts. In this way, the CWCS is a blueprint for an overall conservation approach to sustain Alaska's diversity of fish and wildlife; both game and nongame for the well-being of the people of the state, including future generations.

The Sport Fish Division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has aligned its approach for implementation of the CWCS with the broader goal of the CWCS by developing the *CWCS Implementation Plan for Aquatic Resources (Implementation Plan)*. This three- to five-year plan identifies goals and objectives that support current programs while expanding other programs to the benefit of all aquatic species, the results of which will provide clear and demonstrable benefits to anglers. It includes a strong partnering component to promote directed conservation actions and support participation of others organizations with common goals. This approach serves to bolster the mission of Sport Fish Division by maximizing both the angler experience and the angler dollars cost-benefit ratio.

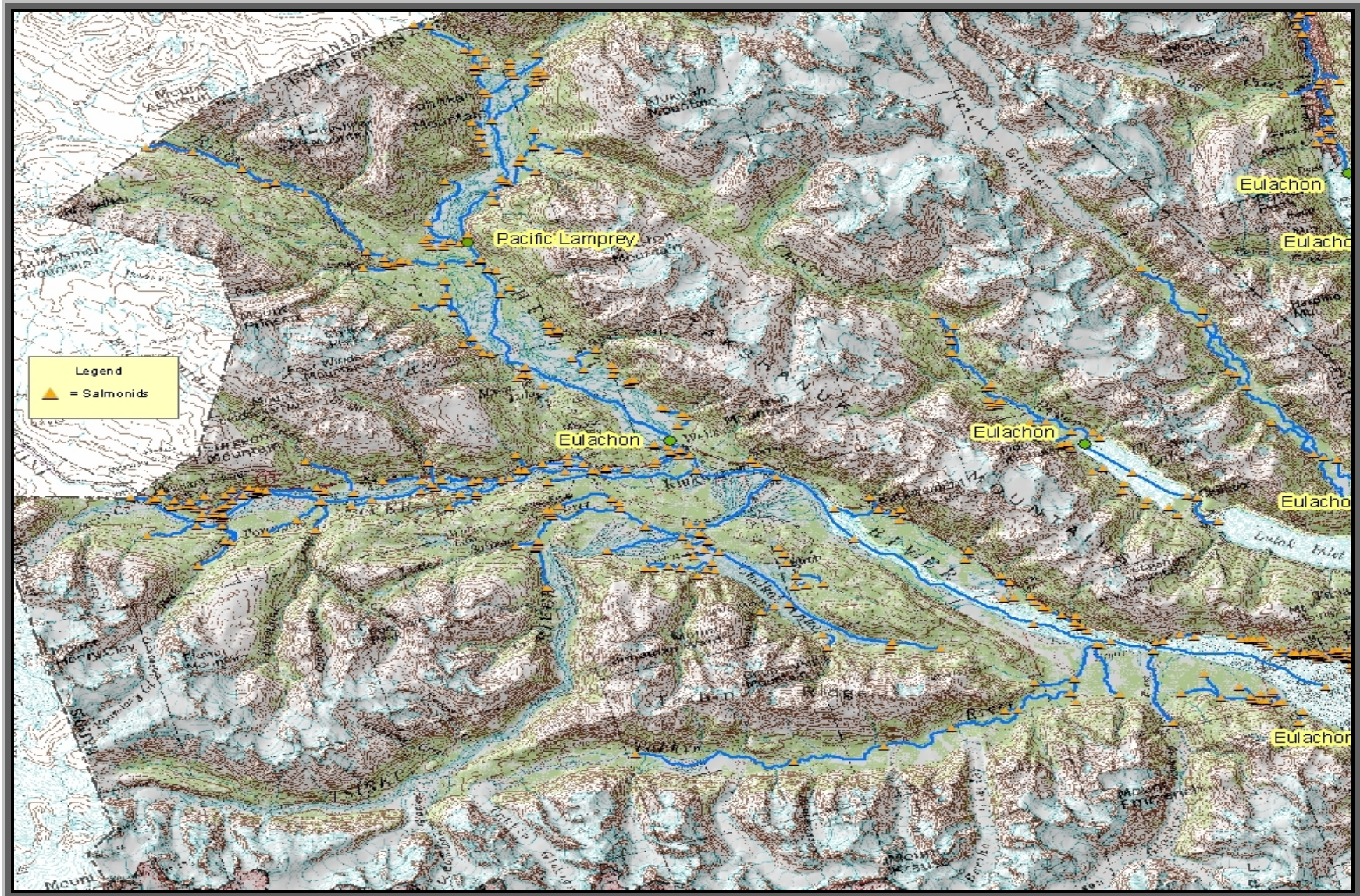
The success of Alaska's conservation effort will be measured through the achievement of the desired outcomes associated with the goals of the *CWCS Implementation Plan*. The key actions outlined within the *Implementation Plan* are the concrete steps that will lead to the desired outcomes. The monitoring of these efforts will provide guidance for prioritization of future implementation goals.

Sport Fish Division is committed to the people of Alaska and to the proper management of the state's aquatic resources for the benefit of all. The *CWCS Implementation Plan for Aquatic Resources* further promotes the division's efforts towards this end.

Regards,

Kelly Hepler, Director
Division of Sport Fish

¹ Alaska Department of Fish and Game. 2006. Our Wealth Maintained: A Strategy for Conserving Alaska's Diverse Wildlife and Fish Resources. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau, Alaska. xviii+824 p.

CWCS Aquatic Resources Implementation Mission: To conserve, manage and improve Alaska's diverse aquatic species populations and their habitats by filling gaps in our knowledge of these species and their habitats.





South Fork Kotuli River (ADFG)

Goal 1 Improve the conservation and management of Alaska’s diverse aquatic species and their habitats in a manner that complements the core activities of the Division of Sport Fish.

Desired Outcomes

- Improved management of Legislatively Designated Special Areas (LDAs).
- Increased and expanded distribution data for aquatic species.
- Increased ability to sustain productivity of aquatic habitats.
- GIS capability for management and research of aquatic species and habitats.
- Informed permitting and project review.

Strategy A: Improve management of LD Special Areas and effectiveness of the Division's large-project coordinated reviews to protect species and habitats.

Key Actions:

- Develop an inventory and distribution database for aquatic species found in LDAs.
- Apply knowledge of CWCS aquatic species and their habitats in LDAs permitting processes and ADFG project reviews.
- Initiate or coordinate planning efforts for management of aquatic species and their habitats in LDAs.
- Develop measurable objectives that relate to the conservation and management of aquatic species and their habitats.

Strategy B: Increase current coverage of the Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC) through the Fish Distribution Database (FDD).

Key Actions:

- Develop and integrate a distribution database for non-anadromous aquatic species in Alaska and integrate into the FDD.
- Identify priority watersheds to conduct new or expanded aquatic species inventories based on current survey efforts, production, and economic value of associated resources.
- Incorporate fish distribution surveys into existing divisional project and reporting procedures.

Strategy C: Identify and prioritize streams or waterbodies where instream flow reservations would ensure the sustainability of aquatic species populations.

Key Actions:

- Develop criteria to prioritize Alaska’s watersheds for the development and submission of instream flow reservations for aquatic species.
- Provide technical assistance that enables community watershed groups to initiate, develop, and submit instream flow reservations.
- Identify threats to the quality and quantity of riparian and aquatic habitats and implement conservation actions to minimize those threats.

Strategy D: Develop GIS-based tools that inform the management and research of aquatic species and their habitats.

Key Actions:

- Convene a working group that will identify GIS-based tools that better inform and support the Department’s:
 - Permitting and planning activities for LD Special Areas.
 - Instream flow reservation development, analyses and submission.
 - Reviews for large projects with the potential to impact aquatic species and /or their habitats.
 - Assimilation and analysis of life history, distribution, abundance, and habitat association data for eulachon, smelt, lamprey, and whitefish species.
- Develop a policy for GIS-based data collection, storage and retrieval, reporting, and metadata development that is complementary to the Southeast Alaska GIS Library Project and Federal Geographic Data Committee standards.



Lamprey, species unknown (ADFG)

Goal 2 Initiate or expand collection of biological information on featured CWCS aquatic species and their habitats.

Desired Outcomes

- Baseline inventory, distribution, life history, and population abundance data for aquatic CWCS species.
- Baseline habitat parameter requirements for identified aquatic species.
- Increased management capabilities for aquatic species and their habitats.

Strategy A: Collect life history, distribution, and habitat data for featured CWCS aquatic species.

Key Actions:

- Acquire existing information on life history, distribution, abundance, and habitat associations for eulachon, lamprey, smelt and whitefish specie in priority watersheds.
- Collect and report data on life history, distribution, abundance, and habitat associations for eulachon, smelt, lamprey, and whitefish species in priority watersheds.
- Identify threats to the quality and quantity of riparian and aquatic habitats; prioritize research and management areas and actions.
- Collect and evaluate baseline information on predator-prey relationships with emphasis on sport and non-sport species interactions.

Strategy B: Analyze and synthesize CWCS aquatic species life history, distribution and habitat data into management objectives for CWCS species.

Key Actions:

- Report on life history, distribution, abundance, and habitat associations of eulachon, smelt, lamprey and whitefish species in priority watersheds.
- Develop and propagate management objectives for these species and their habitats based on scientific assessment of available information.



Interagency work group
Moose Creek, Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Photo courtesy of Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)

Goal 3 Improve collaboration and cooperation with other agencies and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to conserve, protect, and manage Alaska’s aquatic species habitats.

Desired Outcomes

- Strategic identification of lands for acquisition to provide connectivity, scale and quality of habitat.
- Increased capability to monitor aquatic species and their habitats.
- Database of conservation actions performed by partners to document progress and identify gaps.
- Increased capability to provide partners and the public ready access to information on conservation of aquatic species and their habitats.

Strategy A: Initiate or expand partnerships with other agencies and NGO's to conserve, improve, and manage Alaska's habitats for aquatic species.

Key Actions:

- Identify and foster partnerships with entities interested in conserving, managing, and improving aquatic species and their habitats as it relates to the *CWCS Aquatic Resources Implementation Plan*.
- Develop agreed upon classifications for upland, riparian; and marine and freshwater habitats in Alaska.
- Initiate the coordination and development of scientifically-based habitat evaluation methodologies and aquatic species habitat conservation goals.
- Identify key departmental staff for internal coordination to facilitate cooperative partnering efforts.

Strategy B: Develop a partnership program to focus conservation efforts and leverage available funds.

Key Actions:

- Develop cost-sharing partnerships that directly contribute to the implementation of the *CWCS Aquatic Resources Implementation Plan*.
- Provide technical assistance regarding the *CWCS Aquatic Resources Implementation Plan* to partner organizations.

Strategy C: Develop education and outreach programs and materials related to Alaska's CWCS featured aquatic species and their habitats.

Key Actions:

- Develop curricula and supporting material that describes the relationship between CWCS aquatic species, sport-fished species, and the importance of aquatic habitats.
 - Provide educational programming that focuses on aquatic resource-based stewardship principles and encourages active stewardship practices to targeted audiences.
 - Develop a CWCS aquatic species notebook series.
 - Publish articles regarding the implementation of CWCS for aquatic species in the *Otolith* and *Alaska Wildlife News*.
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Appendix 1. CWCS Nominee Species List

This list of species nominated for consideration as potential planning targets was derived from various conservation plans, lists, and organizations, as well as expert and public comments. For the purposes of developing a Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy for the State of Alaska, this list is considered to represent Alaska's species of greatest conservation need. Nominee species may be added and/or deleted as plans and lists of other organizations are updated. The active list of nominee species and their associated habitats will help to prioritize the Sport Fish Division's conservation efforts.

Fish Nominees		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Freshwater Fish	Pacific lamprey	<i>Entosphenus tridentatus</i>
Freshwater Fish	river lamprey	<i>Lampetra ayresi</i>
Freshwater Fish	western brook lamprey	<i>Lampetra richardsoni</i>
Freshwater Fish	Alaskan brook lamprey	<i>Lampetra alaskense</i>
Freshwater Fish	Siberian brook lamprey	<i>Lampetra kessleri</i>
Freshwater Fish	Arctic lamprey	<i>Lampetra japonica</i>
Saltwater Fish	big skate	<i>Raja (Dipturus) binoculata</i>
Freshwater Fish	green sturgeon	<i>Acipenser medirostris</i>
Freshwater Fish	white sturgeon	<i>Acipenser transmontanus</i>
Freshwater Fish	lake chub	<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>
Freshwater Fish	longnose sucker	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>
Freshwater Fish	Alaska blackfish	<i>Dallia pectoralis</i>
Freshwater Fish	pond smelt	<i>Hypomesus olidus</i>
Saltwater Fish	surf smelt	<i>Hypomesus pretiosus</i>
Saltwater Fish	capelin	<i>Mallotus villosus</i>
Saltwater Fish	rainbow smelt	<i>Omersus mordax</i>
Saltwater Fish	longfin smelt	<i>Spirinchus thaleichthys</i>
Saltwater Fish	eulachon	<i>Thaleichthys pacificus</i>
Freshwater Fish	Bering cisco	<i>Coregonus laurettae</i>
Freshwater Fish	broad whitefish	<i>Coregonus nasus</i>
Freshwater Fish	humpback whitefish	<i>Coregonus pidschian</i>
Freshwater Fish	pygmy whitefish	<i>Prosopium coulteri</i>

Fish Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Freshwater Fish	round whitefish	<i>Prosopium cylindraceum</i>
Freshwater Fish	trout-perch	<i>Percopsis omiscomaycus</i>
Saltwater Fish	Arctic cod	<i>Boreogadus saida</i>
Freshwater Fish	threespine stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>
Freshwater Fish	threespine stickleback, Cook Inlet	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>
Freshwater Fish	ninespine stickleback	<i>Pungitius pungitius</i>
Saltwater Fish	sharpnose sculpin	<i>Clinocottus acuticeps</i>
Freshwater Fish	coastrange sculpin	<i>Cottus aleuticus</i>
Freshwater Fish	prickly sculpin	<i>Cottus asper</i>
Freshwater Fish	slimy sculpin	<i>Cottus cognatus</i>
Freshwater Fish	Pacific staghorn sculpin	<i>Leptocottus armatus</i>
Saltwater Fish	fourhorn sculpin	<i>Myoxocephalus quadricornis</i>
Freshwater Fish	shiner perch	<i>Cymatogaster aggregata</i>
Saltwater Fish	prowfish	<i>Zaprora silenus</i>
Saltwater Fish	Pacific sandfish	<i>Trichodon trichodon</i>
Saltwater Fish	Pacific sand lance	<i>Ammodytes hexapturus</i>
Saltwater Fish	Forage fish	Cottid Family
Saltwater Fish	Forage fish	HemipteridFamily
Saltwater Fish	Forage fish	Rhamphocottid Family
Saltwater Fish	Forage fish	Stichaeid Family
Saltwater Fish	Forage fish	Pholid Family
Saltwater Fish	Forage fish	Myctophidae

Amphibian Nominees		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Amphibian	Columbia spotted frog	<i>Rana luteiventris</i>
Amphibian	Long-toed salamander	<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum</i>
Amphibian	Northwestern salamander	<i>Ambystoma gracile</i>
Amphibian	Rough-skinned newt	<i>Taricha granulosa</i>
Amphibian	Western toad	<i>Bufo boreas</i>
Amphibian	Wood frog	<i>Rana sylvatica</i>

Reptile Nominees		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Sea turtle	Green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
Sea turtle	Leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>
Sea turtle	Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>
Sea turtle	Olive Ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>

Bird Nominees		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Loons	Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>
Loons	Arctic Loon	<i>Gavia arctica</i>
Loons	Green-throated Arctic Loon	<i>Gavia arctica viridigularis</i>
Loons	Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>
Loons	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>
Loons	Yellow-billed Loon	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>
Grebes	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Grebes	Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
Grebes	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>
Albatrosses	Laysan Albatross	<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>
Albatrosses	Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>
Albatrosses	Short-tailed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>
Shearwaters and Petrels	Pink-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus creatopus</i>
Shearwaters and Petrels	Buller's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bulleri</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Storm-Petrels	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma furcata</i>
Storm-Petrels	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma furcata furcata</i>
Storm-Petrels	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma furcata plumbea</i>
Storm-Petrels	Leach's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>
Storm-Petrels	Leach's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa leucorhoa</i>
Cormorants	Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i>
Cormorants	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>
Cormorants	Red-faced Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax urile</i>
Cormorants	Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>
Frigatebirds	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata manificens</i>
Hérons and Bitterns	American Bittern	<i>Botarus lentiginosus</i>
Hérons and Bitterns	Pacific Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias fannini</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Tule White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons elgasi</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Aleutian Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis leucopareia</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Steller's Eider	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Spectacled Eider	<i>Somateria fischeri</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Pacific Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima v-nigra</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca deglandi</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra americana</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Grouse and Ptarmigan	Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse,	<i>Falciennis canadensis isleibi</i>
Grouse and Ptarmigan	Evermann's Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus evermanni</i>
Grouse and Ptarmigan	Townsend's Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus townsendi</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Grouse and Ptarmigan	Turners Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus atkhensis</i>
Grouse and Ptarmigan	Blue Grouse	<i>Dendragapus obscurus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus carolinensis</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Northern Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus alascanus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilus atricapillus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Queen Charlotte Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilus laingi</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis alascensis</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
Hawks and Eagles	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Falcons	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
Falcons	Black Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius suckleyi</i>
Falcons	Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>
Falcons	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Falcons	American Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>
Falcons	Peale's Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus pealei</i>
Falcons	Arctic Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus tundrius</i>
Rails and Coots	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>
Rails and Coots	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Plovers	Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Plovers	American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>
Plovers	Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Plovers	Mongolian Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Plovers	Eastern Mongolian Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus stegmanni</i>
Plovers	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Plovers	Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>
Oystercatchers	Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>
Sandpipers	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Sandpipers	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
Sandpipers	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
Sandpipers	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria cinnamonea</i>
Sandpipers	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanus</i>
Sandpipers	Gray-tailed Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i>
Sandpipers	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Sandpipers	Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>
Sandpipers	Eskimo Curlew	<i>Numenius borealis</i>
Sandpipers	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Sandpipers	Bristle-thighed Curlew	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>
Sandpipers	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Sandpipers	Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>
Sandpipers	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Sandpipers	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>
Sandpipers	Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>
Sandpipers	Beringian Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa beringiae</i>
Sandpipers	Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>
Sandpipers	Surfbird	<i>Aphriza virgata</i>
Sandpipers	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Sandpipers	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus roselaari</i>
Sandpipers	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Sandpipers	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
Sandpipers	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>
Sandpipers	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
Sandpipers	Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
Sandpipers	White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>
Sandpipers	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>
Sandpipers	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
Sandpipers	Rock Sandpiper, Aleutians	<i>Calidris ptilocnemis couesi</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Sandpipers	Rock Sandpiper, Pribilofs	<i>Calidris ptilocnemis ptilocnemis</i>
Sandpipers	Rock Sandpiper, Bering Sea	<i>Calidris ptilocnemis tschuktschorum</i>
Sandpipers	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Sandpipers	Arctic Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina articola</i>
Sandpipers	Pacific Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina pacifica</i>
Sandpipers	Curlew sandpiper	<i>Califris ferruginea</i>
Sandpipers	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>
Sandpipers	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>
Sandpipers	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
Sandpipers	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>
Sandpipers	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus caurinus</i>
Sandpipers	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Sandpipers	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>
Sandpipers	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Sandpipers	Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	South Polar Skua	<i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Ross's Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Slaty-backed Gull	<i>Larus schistisagus</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla pollicaris</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Red-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa brevirostris</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Aleutian Tern	<i>Sterna aleutica</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
Skuas, Gulls, Terns	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Auks, Murres, Puffins	Dovekie	<i>Alle alle</i>
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Auks, Murres, Puffins	Ancient Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>
Auks, Murres, Puffins	Least Auklet	<i>Aethia pusilla</i>
Auks, Murres, Puffins	Whiskered Auklet	<i>Aethia pygmaea</i>
Auks, Murres, Puffins	Crested Auklet	<i>Aethia cristatella</i>
Pigeons	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>
Owls	Western Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>
Owls	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Owls	Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>
Owls	Northern Hawk Owl	<i>Surnia ulula</i>
Owls	Northern Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>
Owls	Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Owls	Great Gray Owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>
Owls	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
Owls	Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>
Owls	Northern Saw-Whet	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Owls	Western Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>
Swifts	Black Swift	<i>Cypseloides niger</i>
Swifts	Black Swift	<i>Cypseloides niger borealis</i>
Swifts	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>
Hummingbirds	Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>
Hummingbirds	Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>
Kingfishers	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Woodpeckers	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
Woodpeckers	Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>
Woodpeckers	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Woodpeckers	American Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>
Woodpeckers	Black-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>
Woodpeckers	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Flycatchers	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>
Flycatchers	Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>
Flycatchers	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
Flycatchers	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>
Flycatchers	Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
Shrikes	Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>
Vireos	Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>
Vireos	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Jays	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>
Crows	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Crows	Northwestern Crow	<i>Corvus caurinus</i>
Larks	Sky Lark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
Swallows	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
Swallows	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx rufficollis</i>
Swallows	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Swallows	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>
Swallow	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Chickadees	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>
Chickadees	Boreal Chickadee	<i>Poecile hudsonica</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Chickadees	Gray-headed Chickadee	<i>Poecile cineta</i>
Nuthatches	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
Creepers	Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>
Wrens	Pribilof Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes alascensis</i>
Wrens	Kodiak Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes helleri</i>
Wrens	Kiska Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes kiskensis</i>
Wrens	Attu Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes meligerus</i>
Wrens	Unalaska Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes petrophilus</i>
Wrens	Sedimi Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes semidiensis</i>
Wrens	Stevenson's Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes stevensoni</i>
Wrens	Tanaga Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes tanagensis</i>
Dippers	American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>
Kinglets	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
Thrushes	Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>
Thrushes	Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>
Thrushes	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
Thrushes	Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>
Thrushes	Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>
Thrushes	Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>
Thrushes	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
Thrushes	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
Thrushes	Eyebrowed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>
Thrushes	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Thrushes	Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Wagtails, Pipits	Black-backed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla lugens</i>
Wagtails, Pipits	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Wagtails, Pipits	Eastern Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i>
Waxwings	Bohemian Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>
Wood Warblers	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>
Wood Warblers	MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>
Wood Warblers	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>
Wood Warblers	Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>

Bird Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Wood Warblers	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Wood Warblers	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
Wood Warblers	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>
Tanagers	Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
Sparrows	American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>
Sparrows	Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>
Sparrows	Giant Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia maxima</i>
Sparrows	Amak Island Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia amaka</i>
Sparrows	Harris's Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>
Sparrows	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>
Sparrows	Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>
Sparrows	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
Sparrows	Smith's Longspur	<i>Calcarius pictus</i>
Sparrows	Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>
Sparrows	McKay's Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax hyperboreus</i>
Grosbeaks	Pine Grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>
Blackbirds	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Blackbirds	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Blackbirds	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>
Finches	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>
Finches	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	<i>Leucosticte tephrocotis</i>
Finches	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
Finches	White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>
Finches	Hoary Redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>
Finches	Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>

Mammal Nominees		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Shrews	dusky shrew	<i>Sorex monticolus</i>
Shrews	dusky shrew, Yakutat	<i>Sorex monticolus alascensis</i>
Shrews	dusky shrew, Queen Charlotte Islands	<i>Sorex monticolus ellassodon</i>
Shrews	dusky shrew, Warren Island	<i>Sorex monticolus malitiosus</i>
Shrews	Pribilof Island shrew	<i>Sorex pribilofensis (hydrodromus)</i>
Shrews	pygmy shrew	<i>Sorex hoyi</i>
Shrews	St. Lawrence Island shrew	<i>Sorex jacksoni</i>
Shrews	tiny shrew	<i>Sorex yukonicus</i>
Shrews	tundra shrew	<i>Sorex tundrensis</i>
Shrews	water shrew	<i>Sorex palustris</i>
Shrews	Glacier Bay water shrew	<i>Sorex alaskanus</i>
Bats	big brown bat	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>
Bats	California myotis	<i>Myotis californicus</i>
Bats	Keen's myotis	<i>Myotis keenii</i>
Bats	little brown myotis	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>
Bats	long-legged myotis	<i>Myotis volans (longicrus)</i>
Bats	silver-haired bat	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>
Canids	gray wolf, Alexander Archipelago	<i>Canis lupus ligoni</i>
Mustelids	sea otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>
Mustelids	northern sea otter, Southwest Alaska population	<i>Enhydra lutris kenyoni</i>
Mustelids	river otter, Prince of Wales	<i>Lontra canadensis mira</i>
Mustelids	wolverine, Kenai	<i>Gulo gulo katschemakensis</i>
Mustelids	marten, Kenai	<i>Martes americana kenaiensis</i>
Mustelids	marten	<i>Martes caurina caurina</i>
Mustelids	ermine	<i>Mustela erminea alascensis</i>
Mustelids	ermine, Prince of Wales	<i>Mustela erminea celenda</i>
Mustelids	ermine	<i>Mustela erminea initis</i>
Mustelids	ermine, Kodiak	<i>Mustela erminea kadiacensis</i>
Mustelids	ermine	<i>Mustela erminea salva</i>
Mustelids	ermine, Suemez Island	<i>Mustela erminea seclusa</i>

Mammal Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Walrus	walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>
Seals	bearded seal	<i>Erigrathus barbatus</i>
Seals	elephant seal	<i>Mirounga angustirostris</i>
Seals	northern fur seal	<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>
Seals	harbor seal , Pacific	<i>Phoca vitulina richardsi</i>
Seals	ribbon seal	<i>Phoca fasciata</i>
Seals	ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>
Seals	spotted seal	<i>Phoca largha</i>
Seals	Steller's sea lion, Western Alaska Population	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>
Seals	Steller's sea lion, Eastern Alaska Population	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>
Bears	brown bear, Kenai population	<i>Ursus arctos kenai</i>
Bears	polar bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>
Whales	beluga whale, Cook Inlet	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i> , pop. 4
Whales	blue whale, North Pacific	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i> , pop. 2
Whales	bowhead, Western Arctic	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i> , pop. 2
Whales	fin whale, Northeast Pacific	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i> , pop. 2
Whales	gray whale, Eastern Pacific	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i> , pop. 4
Whales	humpback whale, Western and Central North Pacific	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> , pop. 1
Whales	minke whale, Northern	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>
Whales	northern right whale, North Pacific	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i> , pop.2
Whales	sei whale, North Pacific	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>
Whales	sperm whale, North Pacific	<i>Physeter catodon</i>
Whales	Baird's beaked whale	<i>Berardius bairdii</i>
Whales	Stejneger's beaked whale	<i>Mesoplodon stejnegeri</i>
Whales	Cuvier's beaked whale	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>
Whales	killer whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>
Porpoises	harbor porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>
Deer	woodland caribou, Chisana herd	<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>
Rodents	Alaska marmot	<i>Marmota broweri</i>
Rodents	hoary marmot, Glacier Bay	<i>Marmota caligata vigilis</i>

Mammal Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Rodents	hoary marmot, Montague Island	<i>Marmota caligata sheldoni</i>
Rodents	arctic ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus parryii</i>
Rodents	arctic ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus parryii ablusus</i>
Rodent	arctic ground squirrel, Barrow	<i>Spermophilus parryii kennicottii</i>
Rodents	arctic ground squirrel, Kodiak Island	<i>Spermophilus parryii kodiacensis</i>
Rodents	arctic ground squirrel, St. Lawrence Island	<i>Spermophilus parryii lyratus</i>
Rodents	arctic ground squirrel, Shumagin Islands	<i>Spermophilus parryii nebulicola</i>
Rodents	arctic ground squirrel, Osgood's	<i>Spermophilus parryii osgoodi</i>
Rodents	red squirrel, Kupreanof	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus picatus</i>
Rodents	red squirrel, Kenai	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus kenaiensis</i>
Rodents	northern flying squirrel	<i>Glaucomys sabrinus alpinus</i>
Rodents	northern flying squirrel, Prince of Wales	<i>Glaucomys sabrinus griseifrons</i>
Rodents	beaver, Admiralty	<i>Castor canadensis phaeus</i>
Rodents	meadow jumping mouse	<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>
Rodents	southern red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>
Rodents	southern red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi phaeus</i>
Rodents	southern red-backed vole, Revillagigedo Island	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi solus</i>
Rodents	southern red-backed vole, Gapper's	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi stikinensis</i>
Rodents	southern red-backed vole, Wrangell Island	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi wrangeli</i>
Rodents	northern red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus</i>
Rodents	northern red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus insularis</i>
Rodents	northern red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus orca</i>
Rodents	northern red-backed vole, Glacier Bay	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus glacialis</i>
Rodents	Island northern red-backed vole, Island	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus insularis</i>
Rodents	Orca northern red-backed vole, Orca	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus orca</i>
Rodents	northern red-backed vole, St. Lawrence Island	<i>Clethrionomys rutilus albiventer</i>
Rodents	brown lemming	<i>Lemmus trimucronatus</i>
Rodents	brown lemming, Nunivak Island	<i>Lemmus trimucronatus harroldi</i>
Rodents	brown lemming, black-footed	<i>Lemmus trimucronatus nigripes</i>
Rodents	northern bog lemming	<i>Synaptomys borealis</i>

Mammal Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Rodents	collared lemming	<i>Dicrostonyx groenlandicus</i>
Rodents	collared lemming, St. Lawrence Island	<i>Dicrostonyx groenlandicus exsul</i>
Rodents	collared lemming	<i>Dicrostonyx groenlandicus peninsulae</i>
Rodents	collared lemming, Stevenson's	<i>Dicrostonyx groenlandicus stevensoni</i>
Rodents	collared lemming, Unalaska	<i>Dicrostonyx groenlandicus unalascensis</i>
Rodents	insular vole	<i>Microtus abbreviatus</i>
Rodents	insular vole, Hall Island	<i>Microtus abbreviatus abbreviatus</i>
Rodents	insular vole, St. Matthew Island	<i>Microtus abbreviatus fisheri</i>
Rodents	long-tailed vole	<i>Microtus longicaudus</i>
Rodents	long-tailed vole, Coronation Island	<i>Microtus longicaudus coronarius</i>
Rodents	long-tailed vole	<i>Microtus longicaudus littoralis</i>
Rodents	singing vole	<i>Microtus miurus</i>
Rodents	tundra vole	<i>Microtus oeconomus</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Amak Island	<i>Microtus oeconomus amakensis</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Montague Island	<i>Microtus oeconomus elymocetes</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Penuk Island	<i>Microtus oeconomus punukensis</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, St. Lawrence Island	<i>Microtus oeconomus innuitus</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Shumagin Island	<i>Microtus oeconomus popofensis</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Sitka	<i>Microtus oeconomus sitkensis</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Unalaska	<i>Microtus oeconomus unalascensis</i>
Rodents	tundra vole, Yakutat	<i>Microtus oeconomus yakutatensis</i>
Rodents	meadow vole	<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>
Rodents	meadow vole, Admiralty Island	<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus admiraltiae</i>
Rodents	yellow-cheeked vole (Taiga vole)	<i>Microtus xanthognathus</i>
Rodents	forest deer mouse, Keen's mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni</i>
Rodents	forest deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni algidus</i>
Rodents	forest deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni hylaeus</i>
Rodents	forest deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni macrorhinus</i>
Rodents	forest deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni oceanicus</i>
Rodents	forest deer mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni sitkensis</i>

Mammal Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Pikas	collared pika	<i>Ochotona collaris</i>
Hares	tundra hare	<i>Lepus othus</i>
Hares	tundra hare	<i>Lepus othus othus</i>
Hares	tundra hare	<i>Lepus othus poadromus</i>

Invertebrate Nominees		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Worms	Round, whip, lung, hook, and eel ¹	Nematoda
Worms	Leeches, earthworms, bristle worms ¹	Annelida
Amphipod	A cave obligate amphipod	<i>Stygobromus quatsinensis</i>
Arthropoda	Crustaceans, Spiders, Insects ¹	Arthropoda
Insect	Mayflies	Ephemeroptera
Insect	A mayfly	<i>Brachycercus arcticus</i>
Insect	A mayfly	<i>Ephemerella lacustris</i>
Insect	A mayfly	<i>Acentrella feropagus</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Isoperla katmaiensis</i>
Insect	Stoneflies	Plecoptera
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Mesocapnia bergi</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Nemoura normani</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Isocapnia agassizi</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Podmosta weberi</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Alaskaperla ovibovis</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Isoperla decolorata</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Isoperla sordida</i>
Insect	A stonefly	<i>Pteronarcella regularis</i>
Insect	Caddisflies	Trichoptera
Insect	Eskimo arctic	<i>Oeneis alpina</i>
Insect	Alaskan orange tip	<i>Anthocharis sara alaskensis</i>
Insect	Bog fritillary	<i>Boloria eunomia denali</i>
Insect	Uhler's arctic	<i>Oeneis uhleri cairnesi</i>

Invertebrate Nominees (continued)		
Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Insect	Astarte fritillary	<i>Boloria astarte distincta</i>
Insect	Field crescent	<i>Phyciodes pratensis tothone</i>
Insect	Western bumblebee	<i>Bombus occidentalis</i>
Insect	Dragonflies and Damselflies ²	Odonata
Insect	Water fleas	Cladocera
Mollusc	Clams and Mussels ³	Pelecypoda
Mollusc	Western pearl shell	<i>Margaritifera falcata</i>
Mollusc	Yukon floater	<i>Anodonta beringiana</i>
Mollusc	Western floater	<i>Anodonta kennerlyi</i>
Mollusc	Snails, Slugs, Limpets ^{1, 4, 8}	Gastropoda
Mollusc	Attenuate fossaria	<i>Fossaria truncatula</i>
Mollusc	Rams-horn valvata	<i>Valvata mergella</i>
Mollusc	Fringed valvata	<i>Valvata lewisi</i>
Mollusc	Frigid lymnaea	<i>Lymnaea atkaensis</i>
Mollusc	Hanna's vertigo	<i>Vertigo hannai</i>
Mollusc	Undescribed snail	<i>Vertigo sp. nov</i>
Mollusc	Black Katy chiton	<i>Katharina tunicata</i>
Mollusc	Gumboot chiton	<i>Cryptochiton stelleri</i>
Mollusc	Pinto (Northern) abalone	<i>Haliotis kamtschatkana</i>
Mollusc	Intertidal and shallow subtidal bivalves ⁴	various
Various	Eelgrass-associated invertebrates ⁴	various
Various	Corals, tunicates, sponges ⁵	various
Various	Salt marsh-associated invertebrates ⁶	various
Various	Zooplankton ⁷	various
Various	Benthic grazers ⁸	various
Various	Cave-dwelling species ⁹	various

¹ See Terrestrial Invertebrates Introduction in Appendix 4 of CWCS for complete list of orders

² See Freshwater Invertebrates: Dragonflies and Damselflies template in Appendix 4 of CWCS for complete list of species

³ See Freshwater Invertebrates: Mollusca in Appendix 4 of CWCS

⁴ See Nearshore Soft Benthic Ecosystems templates in Appendix 4 of CWCS

⁵ See Deep Benthic Ecosystems template in Appendix 4 of CWCS

⁶ See Salt Marsh Ecosystems template in Appendix 4 of CWCS

⁷ See Pelagic Ecosystems template in Appendix 4 of CWCS

⁸ See Nearshore Rocky Reef Ecosystems template in Appendix 4 of CWCS

⁹ See Karst Cave Dwelling Aquatic Invertebrates template in Appendix 4 of CWCS

Appendix 2. CWCS Key Habitats

Forests

- Boreal
- Coastal Temperate Rain forest

Tundra

- Alpine
- Arctic
- Maritime

Freshwater Aquatic

- Glacial systems
 - Lakes and Ponds
 - Rivers and Streams
- Non-glacial systems
 - Lakes and Ponds
 - Rivers and Streams
- Riparian Zones

Wetlands

- Grass
- Sedge
- Bog
- Salt marsh

Marine and Coastline

- Intertidal
 - Rocky Intertidal
 - Mudflats and Beaches
 - Eelgrass Beds
- Marine waters
 - Nearshore
 - Shelf
 - Oceanic
 - Benthic
- Coastal Islands and Sea Cliffs

Sea Ice

- Fast
- Pack

Karst Caves

- Entrance Zone
- Twilight Zone
- Deep Cave Zone

Appendix 3. Glossary

Aquatic Species- means any species of aquatic finfish, invertebrate, or amphibian, in any stage of its life cycle, found in or introduced into the state, and includes any part of such aquatic finfish, invertebrate, or amphibian.

Conservation action- a method or procedure necessary or desirable to sustain healthy populations of wildlife, including all activities associated with scientific resources management, such as research, census, monitoring of populations; acquisition, improvement and management of habitat; live trapping and transportation.

Legislatively Designated Special Area (LDA)- Areas classified by the Alaska State Legislature as being essential to the protection of fish and wildlife habitat. These areas are designated as either a refuge, critical habitat area, or sanctuary.

Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC)- The regulatory publication that contains streams, rivers and lakes around the state which have been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish, and thereby afforded protection under AS 41.14.870. To be documented in the catalogue and protected under AS 14.41.870, water bodies must be documented as supporting some life function of an anadromous fish species.

Fish distribution database (FDD)- The housing database of the AWC specified waters.

Instream Flow- The quantity of water flowing in a natural stream channel at any time of year. The quantity may or may

not be adequate to sustain natural ecological processes, and may or may not be protected or administered under a permit, water right, or other legally recognized means.

Featured Species- The species, species groups and/or species assemblages listed in Appendix 3 of Alaska's CWCS. Featured species are a subset of the Nominee Species List for which the CWCS provides information and measurable conservation goals and strategies.

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)- The interagency committee originally established in 1990 by the Office of Management and Budget that promotes the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis.

Nominee Species- The species considered to be of greatest conservation need in Alaska and listed in Appendix 7 of the CWCS.

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