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Short-tailed Albatross

On November 16, 2010, staff at Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge observed an adult short-tailed albatross incubating a freshly laid egg. On January 17, 2011, the egg hatched! This is an exciting development in the recovery of the species because this is the first confirmed hatching of a short-tailed albatross outside of Japan in modern history. Refuge staff and volunteers are continuing to monitor the nest daily by remote video camera.



Male short-tailed albatross with hatchling, Midway Atoll NWR (Pete Leary, USFWS)

Pacific Walrus

ESA petition status:

- Petitioned in 2008 by Center for Biological Diversity;
- Positive 90-day finding stating that the CBD petition presented substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted;
- The 12-month finding will be published in the Federal Register in early February. For further information, see: www.alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/walrus/reports.htm