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Agenda Item B-6: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Report
January 29, 2013

Endangered Species Act Issues:

Short-tailed Albatross:

Efforts to establish a new breeding colony on Mukojima Island through chick translocation continue.

For additional information, contact Sonja Jahrsdoerfer, Endangered Species Coordinator at (907) 786-3323 or Sonja_Jahrsdoerfer@fws.gov.

Groundings and Oil Spills:

On December 31, 2012, Shell's oil drill rig, Kulluk, lost tow and drifted aground at the southeast side of Sitkalidak Island, within Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Resources at risk included overwintering waterfowl, seabirds including Stellar's eider, sea otter Critical Habitat, cultural resources and Stellar's sea lions (managed by NOAA). No fuel was spilled while the Kulluk remained aground. On January 9, 2013, the Kulluk was successfully refloated and towed to nearby Kiliuda Bay for assessment and stabilization. The Kulluk is still in Kiliuda Bay. Plans to move the rig are under review.

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