

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Plan: The Public Comment period closed on December 27, 2005. A summary of comments will be compiled and distributed to the Recovery Team.

Northern Sea Otter: On January 6, 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) met with NOAA Fisheries to discuss the Fisheries Management Plan for waters from 0 to 200 nm. Discussions included sources of take, likelihood of take from each source, and in which instances we would need to gather more information to determine the likelihood of adverse effect (e.g., chronic oiling).

The Recovery Team for the southwest Alaska Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the northern sea otter has been formed and has scheduled its first meeting at the USFWS Regional Office for March 8-9, 2006. A webpage for the Team has been established at:

<http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/seaotters/recovery.htm>