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The following information is a summary of the major issue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is involved in related to the affairs of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council).

I. Marine Mammals Management

The Marine Mammals Management Office is in the process of reviewing the status of the Pacific walrus for possible listing under the Endangered Species Act, which is to be completed by September 2017 per a court settlement. There seems to be some flux in Bristol Bay haulout use by walruses. Some older sites on the Alaska Peninsula and eastern Aleutians are seeing renewed use and a new haulout has formed at Cape Greig, north of Pilot Point this spring. The Service is coordinating with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to reduce potential conflicts with an adjacent salmon fishery that opens in mid-June.

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