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Salmon Bycatch

At its May 2011 public meeting, the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) reviewed, discussed, and heard public testimony on the management measures under consideration by the NPFMC to reduce Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon bycatch and Bering Sea chum salmon bycatch. Subsequently, the Board submitted two letters to the NPFMC with its recommendations and comments. Mr. Tim Towarak, FSB Chairman, and representatives of 5 Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, are scheduled to attend the NPFMC meeting in Nome and plan to testify.

Short-tailed Albatross

Rob Suryan of Oregon State University, a long-standing partner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in short-tailed albatross conservation, has been out on Mukojima and Torishima putting satellite transmitters on short-tailed albatross, which will be tracked after fledging.



Staff from the Yamashina Institute of Ornithology (shown with USFWS 2010 Recovery Champion Award in photo above) have worked for more than twenty years to recover the short-tailed albatross by employing pioneering methods to establish new seabird colonies.

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