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### **Short-tailed Albatross**

The third cohort of translocated short-tailed albatross chicks was successfully fledged from Mukojima Island. Fifteen chicks were moved from Torishima to Mukojima Island in Japan in February, 2010. After three months of hand-rearing, all 15 chicks successfully fledged. So far, 40 out of 40 hand-reared short-tailed albatross chicks have fledged from Mukojima Island. Six of the fledgelings are carrying solar-powered satellite transmitters. A similar number of parentally reared chicks from Torishima are carrying transmitters to allow for movement and survival comparisons. To date, this project has received funding from numerous sources, including North Pacific Research Board, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Japanese Ministry of the Environment, Suntory Inc., Asahi Inc, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

This was the only seabird project to receive funding from NPRB this year. We now have enough funds to complete year 4 of this 5-year effort, and have funds left to contribute towards our year 5 effort in 2012.

### **Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC)**

The LCC steering committee for the Arctic LCC met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Anchorage, and we were happy to welcome Amy Hollman there as the NOAA representative. Discussions centered around the Arctic LCC's conservation goals, formation of working groups, and the process for choosing projects that will receive LCC funds next year.

### **USFWS and NPFMC**

Don Rivard from the USFWS Office of Subsistence Management has accepted the role of assisting Greg Balogh in representing the USFWS on the NPFMC.