ATTACHMENT C  EVOSTC Annual Project Report Form

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1. **Program Number:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (1).
   
   13120114-N

2. **Project Title:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (2).
   

3. **Principal Investigator(s) Names:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (3).
   
   John R. Moran (NOAA) and Janice M. Straley (UAS)

4. **Time Period Covered by the Report:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (4).
   

5. **Date of Report:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (5).
   
   Feb 17, 2014

6. **Project Website (if applicable):**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (6).
   
   www.gulfwatchalaska.org

7. **Summary of Work Performed:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (7).
   
   All work during 2014 proceeded as planned. During the reporting period four whale surveys of Prince William Sound were completed (April 2014, Sept./Oct. 2014, July 2014 and Dec. 2014). In addition to our three scheduled surveys, a July survey was conducted using NOAA funds. These same funds allowed for a second vessel on the Sept. survey (see Coordination/Collaboration).

   All obligations to the Synthesis Report and Trustee meetings were met.

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8. **Coordination/Collaboration:**  See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (8).

8A. Killer whale and humpback whale photos were exchanged with Craig Matkin. This collaboration expands the temporal and spatial scope of both projects.
Winter Seabird Survey observers were present on whale surveys.
The Gulf Watch Alaska pelagic team PIs (Moran, Straley, Arimitsu, Piatt and Bishop) collaborated to facilitate a broader understanding of humpback whale and seabird foraging dynamics and forage fish availability in Prince William Sound.

8B. There was no collaboration with other Trustee funded projects.

8C. Forage fish are being collected during a February 2015 acoustic survey of PWS by the NOAA vessel Oscar Dyson. These samples will provide mid-winter energetics data for whale prey.

- Pollock were collected during whale surveys for the AFSC recruitment energetics project.
- Brand resights and haulout photos of Steller sea lions were provided to ADF&G.
- Data on whale locations and prey quality was given to the review Steller Sea Lions Critical Habitat Workshop held in Seattle, January 2015.

9. **Information and Data Transfer:** See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (9).

**Outreach**

PWSSC Community Lecture Series, Field Notes radio program, Gulf Watch Alaska Virtual Field Trip, Gulf Watch Project brochure, and a KCAW Public Radio Interview.

**Presentations**

Moran. *Living in a Humpback World.* Lecture at University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland.

Moran. *Challenges of Photo ID during the Alaskan Winter.* Photo ID Workshop, Joensuu, Finland.

Moran, Straley, and Arimitsu. *Humpback Whales as indicators of Herring Movements in PWS.* AMSS, Anchorage Alaska.

**Data**

The PWS humpback whale catalog has been made available to public via GWA workspace.

10. **Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:** See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (10).

**N/A**

11. **Budget:** See, Reporting Policy at III (C) (11).

At this time we are 6% under budget for this reporting period. Travel was 22% higher than proposed due to addition surveys made possible by non-EVOSTC funds. Commodities are 28% under budget because we have yet to replace supplies used during FY14.