



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Request for Information Concerning the Pacific Walrus Population



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service was petitioned to list the Pacific walrus as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A detailed review of the health and status of the Pacific walrus population has begun and to help us with the review we would like to gather comments and information from all interested parties.

We would like your comments and information relating to the following topics on walrus population health and habitat: Historical and current status of the Pacific walrus population, habitat use patterns, effects of climate and environmental changes, potential threats to the population, and the effectiveness of existing management programs to protecting walruses, their habitat and prey.

For a more complete list of the type of information we are seeking, please visit <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/walrus/esa.htm> and see the Federal Register Notice, contact the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service Marine Mammals Management Office at 1-800-362-5148.

Please submit information by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
 - Enter the following text in the search box FWS-R7-ES-2009-0051 and click the “Search” button. You may click on the “Submit a comment” link and follow the instructions to submit your comments.
- U.S. mail or hand-delivery:
 - Send your comments to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R7-ES-2009-0051; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.
- Telephone or FAX:
 - Contact Marine Mammals Management, USFWS; by telephone (1-800-362-5148); or by FAX (907-786-3816).

Please submit information by November 9, 2009!