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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Because few surveys of marine birds and mammals have been conducted in the Yakutat, Alaska, area, particularly in Russell and Nunatak fiords, we undertook a pelagic and shoreline survey for these species in June 2000. A total of 5,015 individuals of 45 bird species and 166 individuals of 7 mammal species were observed during the surveys. The marine bird assemblage was dominated by waterfowl, larids, and alcids, and the most abundant species were the northern fulmar, mew gull, glaucous-winged gull, black-legged kittiwake, arctic tern, and marbled murrelet. Sea otters and harbor seals were the most abundant marine mammals encountered. Yakutat Bay and Russell Fiord had a high diversity of marine birds (33 and 30 species), whereas Nunatak Fiord supported fewer species (18 species). Russell Fiord had the highest shoreline and pelagic densities of birds. Shoreline density of black oystercatchers varied among areas of Russell and Nunatak fiords and was comparable to glacially-influenced areas of Prince William Sound, Alaska. Small numbers of yellow-billed loons (Gavia adamsii) and moderate numbers of Kittlitz's murrelets (Brachyramphus brevirostris) were encountered during surveys. Further surveys are needed to more precisely assess the population size of murrelets and to determine important foraging sites. Studies to estimate productivity of terns in Russell and Nunatak fiords could be useful to compare with colonies that are subjected to human disturbance along the outer coast.

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INTRODUCTION

For much of south coast of Alaska, rudimentary information on the distribution and abundance of marine wildlife species is still lacking. Although some information indicates that bays and fiords near Yakutat provide important feeding, resting, and breeding habitat for numerous marine birds and mammals (Patten 1982), murrelets (*Brachyramphus spp*; Harke 1994, 1996) and shorebirds (Andres and Browne 1998), no comprehensive survey to document the abundance of bird and mammal species inhabiting Yakutat Bay, Disenchantment Bay, Russell Fiord, or Nunatak Fiord has been completed. In fact, little work has been done in Russell and Nunatak fiords since Shortt (1939) visited the area in 1936. Increase recreational use of these areas dictates that resource managers obtain reliable data on marine wildlife populations that is needed to develop effective management plans for these species. Several bird species of high conservation concern (e.g., yellow-billed loon [*Gavia adamsii*]; black oystercatcher [*Haematopus bachmani*]; Kittlitz's murrelet [*Brachyramphus brevirostris*] are suspected to occur in moderate abundances in the marine waters surrounding Yakutat. We therefore undertook a pelagic and shoreline survey to determine the summer abundance of marine birds and mammals in the Yakutat Bay area.

STUDY AREA AND METHODS

The town of Yakutat (59° 32.9′ N, 139° 43.8′ W) is located along the northeastern Gulf of Alaska. Within the vicinity of Yakutat, our study area included Yakutat Bay (940 km²), Disenchantment Bay (north of Point Latouche; 45 km²), Russell Fiord (151 km²), and Nunatak Fiord (41 km²; Figure 1). Yakutat Bay opens to the Gulf of Alaska and terminates at the Hubbard Glacier at the head of Disenchantment Bay. Yakutat Bay is 35 km across at its widest and 5 km across at its narrowest in Disenchantment Bay. Russell and Nunatak Fiords are marine waters but had previously been freshwater lakes. Much of the area in the region has been designated as wilderness and is part of the Russell Fiord Wilderness (Tongass National Forest), Wrangell - Saint Elias National Park and Preserve, or Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. The U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service have the responsibility to manage lands and trust resources within these areas.

We first divided the study area into 2 main units – Yakutat/Disenchantment bays and Russell/ Nunatak fiords. We then further divided each bay or fiord unit into pelagic and shoreline sampling strata. To sample the pelagic strata, transects perpendicular to the shoreline were delineated at intervals of 7 km for Yakutat Bay, 2 km for Disenchantment Bay, and 3 km for Russell and Nunatak fiords. As a result, 4 transects were delineated for Yakutat Bay, 9 for Disenchantment Bay, 16 for Russell Fiord, and 8 for Nunatak Fiord (Figure 1). The shoreline stratum consisted of all waters within 200 m of land. The shoreline was systematically divided into segments by the latitude or longitude of the pelagic transects. We used a 6.7-m aluminum boat to conduct pelagic and shoreline surveys for marine birds and mammals, and used methods developed by Klosiewski and Laing (1994). Two observers counted all birds and mammals detected in a sampling window 100 m on either side of the vessel, 100 m ahead, and 100 m overhead of the vessel. An additional person operated the boat. When surveying the shoreline, observers also recorded birds and mammals sighted on land within 100 m of shore. Observers scanned continuously and used binoculars to aid in species identification. Most transects were surveyed when wave height was <30 cm, and no surveys were conducted when wave height was >90 cm. A GPS and nautical compass were used to navigate transect lines. We conducted all shoreline and pelagic surveys between 16 and 19 June 2000.

A 2-person crew operated a 4.3-m inflatable boat to survey the shoreline of islands and bays near the town of Yakutat. The 2-person crew also conducted a survey of breeding black oystercatchers in Russell and Nunatak fiords. The shoreline was searched at a slow rate of speed to detect potential breeding birds. When a black oystercatcher pair was observed, observers went ashore and conducted a nest search. At each location, the number of adults, eggs, and chicks was recorded, and all pair observations were mapped to produce an estimate of linear pair density.

Due to time and weather constraints, not all transects could be surveyed. As a result, we sampled 27 pelagic transects (32.0 km²; Figure 2) and 24 shoreline transects (69.9 km²; Figure 3). Latitude and longitude of starting and ending points was recorded for each uniquely-numbered pelagic transect (Appendix 1). An oceanic navigation chart with delineated transect lines is archived with Nongame Migratory Bird Management, Anchorage, Alaska.

Population estimates of bird species were calculated by estimating density for the area surveyed and extrapolating to the total area of the 2 primary study areas (Yakutat/Disenchantment bays and Russell/Nunatak fiords). We used a ratio estimator (Cochran 1977:155) to determine population size in the 2 primary areas. Estimates of variance included only variability in counts on pelagic transects because the shoreline was surveyed completely. However, ice was too thick to survey some of the shoreline of Disenchantment Bay, and we assume no birds were present along these shorelines. Ocean and ice conditions also precluded sampling of some shoreline segments in Russell Fiord and southeastern Yakutat Bay (Figure 2,3). Thus, the population sizes are considered minimal estimates. We calculated population estimates for species that had >30 individuals observed on all transects.

During boat surveys and oystercatcher searching, we also surveyed previously known seabird colonies. Individual birds and nests were counted from the boat 50-100 meters offshore with binoculars. Large cliff-nesting areas were divided into smaller sections for ease of counting. All birds were identified to species; timing of counts occurred between egg-laying and fledging. The latitude and longitude of the colony was determined by a GPS, and we obtained 35-mm photographs of the colony. Data and photographs are archived with Nongame Migratory Bird Management, Anchorage, Alaska, and all data incorporated into the Beringian Seabird Colony Catalog computer database (U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv. 2000).



Figure 1. Pelagic transects selected in Yakutat Bay, Disenchantment Bay, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska, for surveys of marine birds and mammals, June 2000.



Figure 2. Actual pelagic transects surveyed in Yakutat Bay, Disenchantment Bay, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska, for marine birds and mammals, June 2000.



Figure 3. Actual shoreline transects surveyed in Yakutat Bay, Disenchantment Bay, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska, for marine birds and mammals, June 2000.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 5,015 individuals of 45 bird species and 166 individuals of 7 mammal species were observed during the surveys. Scientific names of all species are provided in Appendix 2. The marine bird assemblage was dominated by waterfowl, larids, and alcids (Table 1). The most abundant species in these groups were the northern fulmar, mew gull, glaucous-winged gull, black-legged kittiwake, arctic tern, and marbled murrelet (Table 2). Sea otters and harbor seals were the most abundant marine mammals encountered (Table 2).

Yakutat Bay and Russell Fiord had a high diversity of marine birds (33 and 30 species), whereas Nunatak Fiord supported fewer species (18 species). Russell Fiord had the highest shoreline and pelagic densities of birds. Except for waterfowl (primarily Canada geese), Nunatak Fiord tended to have low densities of most marine birds (Table 1). In general, densities of marine birds along the shoreline were greater than those in pelagic areas (Table 1, 2). Russell and Nunatak fiords supported greater numbers of waterfowl and fewer larids than Yakutat Bay.

Shoreline density of harlequin ducks in Russell Fiord (12.3 birds/km²) was >2 times the density along shorelines of Yakutat Bay (5.2 birds/km²) and Nunatak Fiord (3.7 birds/km²). Shoreline densities of sea ducks (scoters and long-tailed duck) were more equitable between Yakutat Bay (2.8 birds/km²) and Russell Fiord (4.0 birds/km²); sea ducks were not observed in Nunatak Fiord. Northern fulmars and fork-tailed storm-petrels were only encountered in Yakutat Bay. A small population of yellow-billed loons (<150 individuals) summers in the Yakutat vicinity. Observations outside of this study indicate that loons consistently use the bay in the summer (B. A. Andres, pers. obs.).

High numbers of Kittlitz's murrelets were observed around Kriwoi Island and Redfield Cove; the density in the island area north of town was 3.9 murrelets/km². This area is not adjacent to tidewater glaciers, but other foraging marine birds were present when large numbers of murrelets were observed. Overall densities of marbled murrelets were similar among areas; shoreline density was higher in Yakutat Bay, whereas pelagic density was higher in Russell/Nunatak Fiord (Table 2). Densities of both murrelets were lower than those found for these species in Harriman Fiord during June 2000 (B. A. Andres, unpubl. data). Pelagic and shoreline densities in our study were much lower that those reported for Yakutat Bay by Harke and Leach (1996), but differences may have resulted in variability in sampling methods. In general, July densities of murrelets were greater in the open Gulf of Alaska than in Yakutat Bay (Harke and Leach 1996).

Pigeon guillemots were denser in Russell/Nunatak fiords than in Yakutat Bay (Table 2). While surveying for oystercatchers, several colonies of guillemots were encountered between West Nunatak Glacier and East Nunatak Glacier (74 individuals; 9.3 birds/km within the colonies' extent). Fewer guillemots were reported from the West Nunatak Glacier colony in 1979 (U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv. 2000).

Forty territorial pairs of oystercatchers were found along the shorelines of Russell and Nunatak fiords, and five additional oystercatchers were observed. Overall density of breeding pairs was 0.23 birds/km. Pair density was lowest in Nunatak Fiord (0.16 birds/km), moderate in the southern arm of Russell Fiord (0.23 birds/km), and highest in the northern arm of Russell Fiord 0.31 birds/km). A series of spits and small islands in southwestern end of Russell Fiord supported 8 pairs of oystercatchers (and >40 pairs of arctic terns). Local density on these island was about 7.3 birds/km. Without these pairs, density in the southern arm of Russell Fiord decreases to <0.1 pairs/km). Most oystercatcher pairs were found on alluvial fans or other rocky debris associated with the mouths of streams and small rivers. We found eggs or chicks with 13 of the pairs (32.5%); however, we did not spend large amounts of time searching for eggs or chicks. Ages of some of the chicks indicated that the earliest nests were initiated around 10 May.

Oystercatcher pair density in northern Russell Fiord was comparable to that found in Harriman Fiord, Prince William Sound, Alaska, (0.30 pairs/km) in summer of 2000 (B. A. Andres, unpubl. data). Most pairs in Harriman Fiord also nested on alluvial fans and the greatest concentration of breeding pairs was associated with a colony of arctic terns (>100 individuals).

	Yakutat/Disencl	nantment bays	Russell Fiore	1	Nunatak Fiord	
Species group	shoreline (36.4 km ²)	pelagic (19.1 km ²)	shoreline (24.4 km^2)	pelagic (9.8 km ²)	shoreline (9.2 km ²)	pelagic (3.1 km ²)
Loons	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	2.0	1.0
Tubenoses	<0.1	1.7	-	-	-	-
Cormorants	0.2	0.3	< 0.1	-	-	-
Waterfowl	9.9	-	31.0	2.2	28.0	3.9
Shorebirds	0.5	-	1.4	-	2.3	-
Larids	32.4	7.2	25.8	6.3	18.0	2.6
Alcids	12.9	8.8	8.9	16.4	11.1	1.3
All species	60.3	18.4	66.7	25.5	62.0	9.1

Table 1. Shoreline and pelagic densities (individuals/km²) of major groups of birds observed in marine waters around Yakutat, Alaska - June 2000.

	Ya	Yakutat/Disenchantment Bays					Russell/Nunatak Fiords					
	popul	lation		density			population			density		
Species	total	SE		shoreline	pelagic		total	SE		shoreline	pelagic	
Birds												
Common Loon	190	74		1.15	0.16		67	32		0.65	0.23	
Yellow-billed Loon	4	-		0.11	-		46	45		0.03	0.23	
Pacific Loon	6	-		0.17	-		17	14		0.06	0.08	
All Loons	302	67		1.54	0.26		159	29		1.19	0.62	
Northern Fulmar	1,380	324		0.03	1.47		-	-		-	-	
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	197	156		-	0.21		-	-		-	-	
Pelagic Cormorant	247	191		0.03	0.26		-	-		-	-	
Canada Goose	-	-		-	-		222	-		6.61	-	
Mallard	-	-		-	-		126	-		3.75	-	
Northern Shoveler	24	-		0.66	-		42	-		1.25	-	
Surf Scoter	40	-		1.10	-		261	179		2.44	6.36	
Harlequin Duck	191	-		5.14	-		648	315		9.98	26.0	
Common Merganser	10	-		0.27	-		160	-		4.77	-	
Black Oystercatcher	9	-		0.25	-		44	-		1.31	-	
Parasitic Jaeger	155	74		0.19	0.16		40	21		0.30	0.77	
Bonaparte's Gull	366	-		10.07	-		-	-		-	-	
Mew Gull	579	179		7.78	0.31		435	77		9.41	24.51	
Herring Gull	746	428		0.19	0.79		39	20		0.27	0.70	
Glaucous-winged Gull	3,649	863		3.85	3.35		112	62		0.69	1.78	
Black-legged Kittiwake	1,799	39		6.68	0.05		-	-		-	-	
Arctic Tern	1,554	379		3.47	1.52		1,117	400		10.19	26.53	
Aleutian Tern	941	542		0.14	1.00		4	-		0.12	0.31	
Common Murre	100	36		0.03	0.11		-	-		-	-	
Pigeon Guillemot	124	78		0.69	0.11		215	91		2.86	7.45	

Table 2. Population estimates, and their standard errors (SE), and density of common marine birds and mammals recorded on shoreline and pelagic transects conducted in marine waters near Yakutat, Alaska - June 2000.

		Yakutat/Disenchantment Bays					Russel	l/N	unatak Fiords		
		popu	lation		dens	ity	popu	lation		densi	ity
	Species	total	SE		shoreline	pelagic	total	SE		shoreline	pelagic
	Marbled Murrelet	6,244	1,579		9.16	6.29	2,100	723		5.30	13.81
	Kittlitz's Murrelet	927	233		2.47	0.89	55	43		0.30	0.77
	All Murrelets	8,523	1,909		12.24	8.59	2,560	483		6.58	17.15
	Bald Eagle	49	-		1.35	-	11	-		0.33	-
	Northwestern Crow	54	-		1.48	-	52	-		1.55	-
N	lammals										
	Sea Otter	205	126		0.22	0.21	1	-		0.03	-
	Harbor Seal	207	173		0.27	0.21	160	30		2.53	0.39

Table 2. (cont.)

¹ population estimate for Yakutat Bay includes 357 glaucous-winged gulls and 1,507 black-legged kittiwakes from the Haenke Island colony count.

We surveyed the seabird colony the west side of Haenke Island, Disenchantment Bay, on 18 June. We counted 59 glaucous-winged gull nests and 342 individuals on the cliff-face, plus an additional 15 individuals roosting on icebergs. Black-legged kittiwake nests and individual birds totaled 963 and 1,361 respectively. An additional 146 individuals were roosting on rocks and icebergs. Thirteen pelagic cormorants were roosting on icebergs near the island, but no cormorant nests were located.

We were able to compare our results of the Haenke Island seabird colony survey to surveys previously conducted there in 1992 by the U. S. Forest Service (U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv. 2000). Observers in 1992 estimated 400 glaucous-winged gulls and 1,200 black-legged kittiwakes whereas, we counted 342 glaucous-winged gulls and 1,361 black-legged kittiwakes. Thus numbers of these 2 prevalent species have remained relatively the same over the last 8 years. Six black oystercatchers, 100 Arctic terns, and 60 pigeon guillemots were also counted in 1992. Ice conditions in 2000 precluded surveying areas of the island where these species occurred.

We also attempted to survey known colonies in Russell and Nunatak fiords. However, we did not have time to obtain an accurate count of mew gulls and arctic terns, the prevalent species, for many of the sites because nesting pairs were widely scattered across broad alluvial fans. We were able to get a crude sense of the size of the colonies. No breeding cormorants were present at Cape Enchantment or elsewhere in the fiords as previously described by Shortt (1939).

	Mew Gull		Arctic Tern		Aleutian Tern	
Site	June 2000	July 1979	June 2000) July 1979	June 2000	July 1979
Varigated Glacier	X	15	30	20	2	10
Butler Glacier	70	25	54	30		
West Nunatak Glacier			-	10		
East Nunatak Glacier	X ¹	-	Х	-		
Mt. Tebenkof			-	10		
Hendrickson Glacier	24	-	40	30		
Old Situk Creek			90	-		
Seal Bay	25	-	12	-		

Table 3. Crude counts of mew gulls and arctic terns in colonies surveyed in Russell and Nunatak fiords during June 2000 and colony counts made in July 1979 (U. S. Fish Wildl. Serv. 2000).

 1 X = present at the site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Precision of population estimates of common bird species are somewhat lower than other surveys of this type (Lance et al. 1999) and could be improved by further stratification of Yakutat Bay and increased sampling effort there. Concern about possible declines in Kittlitz's murrelet populations has recently been raised (Lance 1999), and a more thorough survey for this species should be undertaken. Because of significant seasonal, inter-annual, and spatial variability, several surveys may need to be conducted throughout the season (Day and Nigro 1999). Identification of foraging sites important to murrelets would be useful for managing human recreation, including tour boats, in the bay.

We recommend that seabird colonies be re-surveyed at least every 10 years (Stephensen and Mendenhall 1998), and, to examine species population trends over time, transects might be surveyed at 5-year intervals. Further work is needed to design a more efficient study for Yakutat Bay; sampling intensity was much greater in Russell and Nunatak fiords. Techniques for censusing seabird colonies are available from the Beringian Seabird Colony Catalog manager in Nongame Migratory Bird Management, Anchorage, Alaska.

Further study of abundance and productivity of oystercatchers, terns, and gulls in Russell and Nunatak fiords could be warranted. Comparative assessment of tern productivity in the fiords with concurrent work in colonies on sand beaches and spits that are accessible on the road system could provide useful information on the effects of human disturbance at the accessible colonies. Collection of data on productivity and pair density of oystercatchers could easily be included in this effort.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Latitude or longitude of pelagic transects surveyed for marine birds and mammals in Yakutat Bay (YB), Disenchantment Bay (DB), Russell Fiord (RF), and Nunatak Fiord (NF), Alaska - June 2000.

Transect	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Transect	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
YB01	59° 50′ 17.50″		RF07	59° 49′ 44.89″	
YB02	59° 46′ 30.88″		RF08	59° 48′ 07.77″	
YB03	59° 42′ 44.26″		RF09	59° 46′ 30.65″	
YB04	59° 38′ 57.64″		RF10	59° 44′ 53.53″	
DB01	60° 02′ 41.87″		RF11	59° 43′ 16.40″	
DB02	60° 01′ 37.12″		RF12	59° 41′ 39.28″	
DB03	60° 00′ 32.37″		RF13	59° 40′ 02.16″	
DB04	59° 59′ 27.63″		RF14	59° 38′ 25.04″	
DB05	59° 58′ 23.11″		RF15	59° 36′ 47.91″	
DB06	59° 57′ 18.36″		RF16	59° 35′ 10.79″	
DB07	59° 56′ 13.61″		NF01		139° 16′ 11.22″
DB08	59° 55′ 08.87″		NF02		139° 12′ 56.98″
DB09	59° 54′ 04.12″		NF03		139° 09′ 42.73″
RF01	59° 59′ 27.63″		NF04		139° 06′ 28.49″
RF02	59° 57′ 50.50″		NF05		139° 03′ 14.24″
RF03	59° 56′ 13.38″		NF06		139° 00' 00.00″
RF04	59° 54′ 36.26″		NF07		138° 56′ 45.76″
RF05	59° 52′ 59.14″		NF08		138° 53′ 31.51″
RF06	59° 51′ 22.01″	139° 16′ 11.22″			

Appendix 2. Common names, scientific names, 4-letter codes, and counts of marine birds and mammals observed on transects of Yakutat Bay, Disenchantment Bay, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska - June 2000.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Code	Count
Common loon	Gavia immer	COLO	70
Yellow-billed loon	Gavia adamsii	YBLO	8
Pacific loon	Gavia pacifica	PALO	9
Red-throated loon	Gavia stellata	RTLO	13
Unidentified loon	Gavia spp.	UNLO	12
Northern fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis	NOFU	29
Fork-tailed storm-petrel	Oceanodroma furcata	FTSP	4
Double-crested cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	DCCO	6
Pelagic cormorant	Phalacrocorax pelagicus	PECO	6
Great blue heron	Ardea herodias	GBHE	5
Canada goose	Branta canadensis	CAGO	222
Brant	Branta bernicla	BRAN	3
Mallard	Anas platyrynchos	MALL	126
Gadwall	Anas strepera	GADW	7
Northern shoveler	Anas clypeata	NOSH	66
Black scoter	Melanitta nigra	BLSC	47
White-winged scoter	Melanitta fusca	WWSC	27
Surf scoter	Melanitta perspicillata	SUSC	134
Unidentified scoter	Melanitta spp.	UNSC	1
Harlequin duck	Histrionicus histrionicus	HARD	543
Long-tailed duck (Oldsquaw)	Clangula hyemalis	OLDS	4
Barrow's goldeneye	Bucephala islandica	BAGO	13
Common goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	COGO	3

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Code	Count
Common merganser	Mergus merganser	COME	170
Red-breasted merganser	Mergus serrator	RBME	34
Unidentified merganser	Mergus spp.	UNME	1
Unidentified diving duck		UNDD	1
Black oystercatcher	Haematopus bachmani	BLOY	53
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	WHIM	8
Spotted sandpiper	Actitis macularia	SPSA	1
Unidentified shorebird		UNSB	3
Parasitic jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus	PAJA	22
Long-tailed jaeger	Stercorarius longicaudus	LTJA	1
Bonaparte's gull	Larus philadelphia	BOGU	366
Mew gull	Larus canus	MEGU	613
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	HEGU	33
Glaucous-winged gull	Larus glaucescens	GWGU	233
Black-legged kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	BLKI	244
Arctic tern	Sterna paradisaea	ARTE	549
Aleutian tern	Sterna aleutica	ALTE	28
Caspian tern	Sterna caspia	CATE	2
Common murre	Uria aalgae	COMU	3
Pigeon guillemot	Cepphus columba	PIGU	131
Marbled murrelet	Brachyramphus marmoratus	MAMU	760
Kittlitz's murrelet	Brachyramphus brevirostris	KIMU	120
Brachyramphus murrelet	Brachyramphus spp.	BRMU	107
Unidentified murrelet		UNMR	1

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Appendix 2 (continued).	Quinnel'S' Norma	Call	Carret
Common Name	Scientific Name	Code	Count
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	BAEA	60
Unidentified falcon		UNFA	1
Belted kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	BEKI	2
Northwestern crow	Corvus caurinus	NOCR	106
Common raven	Corvus cryptoleucus	CORA	4
Black bear	Ursus americanus	BLBE	1
Sea otter	Enhydra lutris	SEOT	13
Wolverine	Gulo gulo	WOLV	1
Gray wolf	Canis lupus	WOLF	1
Harbor seal	Phoca vitulina	HASE	134
Moose	Alces alces	MOOS	3
Harbor porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	HAPO	10

Transect	Location	Transect boundary (in relation to pelagic transects)
YBS01	West side Yakutat Bay	59° 38′ 57.64″ N (YB04) 59° 42′ 44.26″ N (YB03)
YBS02	West side Yakutat Bay	59° 42′ 44.26″ N (YB03) 59° 46′ 30.88″ N (YB02)
YBS03	West side Yakutat Bay	59° 46′ 30.88″ N (YB02) – 59° 50′ 17.50″ N (YB01)
YBS04	West side Yakutat Bay	59° 50′ 17.50″ N (YB01) – 59° 54′ 04.12″ N (DB09)
YBSO5	West side Yakutat Bay	59° 54′ 04.12″ N (DB09) – 59° 56′ 13.61″ N (DB07)
YBS06	East side Yakutat Bay	59° 58′ 23.11″ N (DB05) – 59° 54′ 04.12″ N (DB09)
YBS07	East side Yakutat Bay	59° 54′ 04.12″ N (DB09) – 59° 46′ 30.88″ N (YB02)
YBS08	East side Yakutat Bay	59° 46′ 30.88″ N (YB02) – 59° 38′ 57.64″ N (YB04)
YBS09	East side Yakutat Bay	59° 38' 57.64" N (YB04) to Pt Carrew (incl. islands)
RFS01	West side Russell Fiord	59° 59′ 27.63″ N (RF01) – 59° 56′ 13.38″ N (RF03)
RFS02	West side Russell Fiord	59° 56′ 13.38″ N (RF03) – 59° 51′ 22.01″ N (RF06)
RFS03	West side Russell Fiord	59° 51′ 22.01″ N (RF06) – 59° 46′ 30.65″ N (RF09)
RFS04	West side Russell Fiord	59° 46′ 30.65″ N (RF09) – 59° 41′ 39.28″ N (RF12)
RFS05	West side Russell Fiord	59° 41′ 39.28″ N (RF12) – 59° 36′ 47.91″ N (RF15)
RFS06	South end Russell Fiord	59° 36' 47.91" N (RF15) – west side to east side
RFS07	East side Russell Fiord	59° 36′ 47.91″ N (RF15) – 59° 41′ 39.28″ N (RF12)
RFS08	East side Russell Fiord	59° 41′ 39.28″ N (RF12) – 59° 46′ 30.65″ N (RF09)
RFS09	East side Russell Fiord	59° 46′ 30.65″ N (RF09) – 59° 49′ 44.89″ N (RF07)
RFS10	East side Russell Fiord	139° 16′ 11.22″ W (NF01) – 59° 59′ 27.63″ N (RF01)
NFS01	South side Nunatak Fiord	59° 49′ 44.89″ N (RF07) – 139° 06′ 28.49″ W (NF04)
NFS02	South side Nunatak Fiord	139° 06′ 28.49″ W (NF04) – 139° 00′ 00.00″ W (NF06)
NFS03	East end Nunatak Fiord	$139^{\circ} 00' 00.00'' W (NF06)$ – south side to north side
NFS04	North side Nunatak Fiord	139° 00' 00.00" W (NF06) – 139° 06' 28.49" W (NF04)
NFS05	North side Nunatak Fiord	139° 06′ 28.49″ W (NF04) – 139° 16′ 11.22″ W (NF01)

Appendix 3. Location descriptions of shoreline transects surveyed for marine birds and mammals in the Yakutat area, Alaska - June 2000.

Species	Yakutat & Disenchantment (YBS_)								Russell Fiord (RFS_)										Nunatak Fiord (NFS)					
Code	01	02	03	04	50	90	07	80	60	01	02	03	04	05	90	07	80	60	10	01	02	03	04	05
COLO	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	17	24	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	4	9	1	-	-	-	3
YBLO	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
PALO	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
RTLO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	3	-
UNLO	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
NOFU	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DCCO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GBHE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAGO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	13	24	12	36	6	43	-	74
BRAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MALL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	27	1	32	-	3	-	24	5	7	-	3	14	-	-
GADW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOSH	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	15	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
BLSC	-	28	-	-	-	-	11	2	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWSC	-	13	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUSC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	77	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNSC	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARD	-	-	-	-	-	86	21	4	76	55	5	61	119	-	7	-	26	-	28	6	9	4	-	15
OLDS	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAGO	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
COGO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COME	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	3	10	19	-	11	-	-	30	43	23	13	-	-	8
RBME	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
UNME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLOY	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	1	2	3	1	6	-	2	1	2	2	4	5	4	4	-	8
WHIM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNSB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAJA	-	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
BOGU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEGU	3	16	17	1	-	15	-	41	190	12	29	8	27	4	75	2	14	13	32	17	2	3	11	67
HEGU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

Appendix 4. Bird and mammal species observed on shoreline transects of Yakutat Bay, Disenchantment Bay, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska - June 2000.

Appendix 4 (continue	ed).
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Species	Yakutat & Disenchantment (YBS)									Russell Fiord (RFS)											Nunatak Fiord (NFS_)					
Code	01	02	03	04	50	90	07	80	60	01	02	03	04	50	90	07	80	60	10	01	02	03	04	05		
GWGU	101	2	-	-	2	5	6	-	24	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	14	2	-	-	-	-		
BLKI	3	2	16	-	-	120	52	1	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ARTE	-	22	4	1	-	1	2	3	93	9	7	24	4	3	111	10	20	13	81	10	4	8	5	33		
ALTE	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-		
CATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
COMU	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PIGU	-	-	-	-	-	16	5	-	4	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	18	14	4	8	1	31		
MAMU	24	59	8	6	4	3	1	7	221	6	8	12	11	15	19	2	17	9	38	4	19	13	1	4		
KIMU	2	1	1	7	4	5	1	-	69	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-		
BRMU	1	4	2	-	1	2	6	6	-	4	2	1	2	-	3	4	-	4	10	-	-	-	-	3		
UNMR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BAEA	-	5	1	-	-	-	6	9	28	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
NOCR	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	3	30	-	5	22	1	1	16	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	3		
CORA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BLBE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
SEOT	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WOLV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
WOLF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
HASE	-	6	7	1	3	6	3	5	9	4	4	-	-	2	56	2	-	-	3	3	-	9	-	2		
MOOS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
HAPO	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Species	Ya	akutat &	z Disen	chantm	ent	Russell Fiord													Nunatak Fiord								
Code	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	80	60	01	02	03	04	05	90	07	80	60	10	01	02	03	04	05	01	02	03
COLO	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
YBLO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
PALO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNLO	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOFU	3	9	4	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FTSP	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PECO	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWSC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUSC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
HARD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAJA	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTJA	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEGU	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
HEGU	1	6	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GWGU	1	4	28	31	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLKI	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARTE	-	11	8	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	7	28	-	-	-	1	6	-	-
ALTE	-	-	3	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMU	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PIGU	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
MAMU	7	13	28	72	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	19	1	3	13	8	4	26	47	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
KIMU	5	1	3	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRMU	5	4	4	14	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNFA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
SEOT	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HASE	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Appendix 5. Bird and mammal species observed on pelagic transects of Yakutat and Disenchantment Bays, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska - June 2000.

Appendix 6. Densities (individuals/km²) of bird and mammal species observed on shoreline and pelagic transects of Yakutat/Disenchantment bays, Russell Fiord, and Nunatak Fiord, Alaska - June 2000.

	Sł	noreline (SI	H)	Р	elagic (PL))	Total			
Species	Yakutat	Russell	Nunatak	Yakutat	Russell	Nunatak				
COLO	1.155	0.737	0.437	0.157	0.296	-	0.915	0.186		
YBLO	0.110	0.041	-	-	-	0.971	0.072	0.093		
PALO	0.165	-	0.219	-	0.099	-	0.114	0.031		
RTLO	_	0.041	1.312	-	-	-	0.186	-		
UNLO	0.110	0.082	-	0.262	0.099	-	0.086	0.186		
NOFU	0.028	-	-	1.467	-	-	0.014	0.867		
FTSP	-	-	-	0.210	-	-		0.124		
DCCO	0.138	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.086	-		
PECO	0.028	-	-	0.262	-	-	0.014	0.155		
GBHE	-	0.205	-	-	-	-	0.072	-		
CAGO	_	2.579	17.385	-	-	-	3.175	-		
BRAN	0.083	-	-	-	-	-	0.043	-		
MALL	-	4.463	1.859	-	-	-	1.802	-		
GADW	_	0.287	-	-	-	-	0.100	-		
NOSH	0.660	1.720	-	-	-	-	0.944	-		
BLSC	1.128	0.246	-	-	-	-	0.672	-		
WWSC	0.468	0.368	-	-	0.099	-	0.372	0.031		
SUSC	1.100	3.357	-	-	-	3.883	1.745	0.371		
UNSC	0.028	-	-	 -	-	-	0.014	-		
HARD	5.143	12.324	3.717	-	2.073	_	7.465	0.650		
OLDS	0.083	0.041	-	 -	-	-	0.057	-		

	Sh	oreline (S	H)	Р	elagic (PL	Total		
Species	Yakutat	Russell	Nunatak	Yakutat	Russell	Nunatak	SH	PL
BAGO	0.083	0.328	0.219	-	-	-	0.186	-
COGO	-	0.123	-	-	-	-	0.043	-
COME	0.275	4.749	4.811	-	-	-	2.431	-
RBME	0.743	0.287	-	-	-	-	0.486	-
UNME	-	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.014	-
UNDD	-	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.014	-
BLOY	0.248	0.942	2.296	-	-	-	0.758	-
WHIM	0.220	-	-	-	-	-	0.114	-
SPSA	-	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.014	-
UNSB	-	0.123	-	-	-	-	0.043	-
PAJA	0.193	0.287	0.328	0.157	0.197	-	0.243	0.155
LTJA	-	-	-	0.052	-	-	_	0.031
BOGU	10.066	-	-	-	-	-	5.234	-
MEGU	7.783	8.844	10.934	0.314	0.691	0.324	8.566	0.433
HEGU	0.193	0.368	-	0.786	0.197	-	0.229	0.526
GWGU	3.850	0.860	0.219	3.353	0.592	-	2.331	2.167
BLKI	6.683	-	-	0.052	-	-	3.475	0.031
ARTE	3.465	11.546	6.560	1.519	4.442	2.265	6.692	2.507
ALTE	0.138	0.164	-	0.995	-	-	0.129	0.588
CATE	0.055	-	-	-	-	-	0.029	-
COMU	0.028	-	-	0.105	-	-	0.014	0.062
PIGU	0.688	1.556	6.342	0.105	0.691	0.324	1.730	0.310

Appendix 6 (continued).

	Sł	noreline (Sl	H)	Р	elagic (PL	.)	Total		
Species	Yakutat Bay	Russell Fiord	Nunatak Fiord	Yakutat Bay	Russell Fiord	Nunatak Fiord	SH	PL	
MAMU	9.158	5.609	4.483	6.286	12.438	0.971	7.307	7.707	
KIMU	2.475	0.409	-	0.891	0.296	-	1.430	0.619	
BRMU	0.605	1.228	0.328	1.414	2.468	-	0.787	1.609	
UNMR	-	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.014	-	
BAEA	1.348	0.450	-	-	-	-	0.858	-	
UNFA	-	-	-	-	-	0.324	-	0.031	
BEKI	0.055	-	-	-	-	-	0.029	-	
NOCR	1.485	1.924	0.547	-	-	-	1.516	-	
CORA	-	0.164	-	-	-	-	0.057	-	
BLBE	-	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.014	-	
SEOT	0.220	0.041	-	0.210	-	-	0.129	0.124	
WOLV	-	0.041	-	-	-	-	0.014	-	
WOLF	0.028	-	-	-	-	-	0.014	-	
HASE	1.100	2.907	1.531	0.210	0.494	-	1.788	0.279	
MOOS	-	0.123	-	-	-	-	0.043	-	
НАРО	0.275	-	_	-	-	-	0.143	_	

Appendix 6 (continued).