

The Aleutian Tern Technical Committee (ATTC)

Aleutian Tern conservation is hampered by several unknowns, including basic demographics, migratory patterns, and within-season movements. Verified reports of sustained inactivity where large Aleutian Tern breeding colonies were once well-established prompted listing as a species of conservation concern by the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Aleutian Terns were also included in Audubon's Alaska Watch List and the U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region's Sensitive Species list. In 2007, a group of agency and university personnel initiated an effort to review and evaluate information needs for the species, complete a set of pilot studies, and inform the general public of the concerns. In 2016, the PSG Aleutian Tern Technical Committee (ATTC) was formed. Objectives of the committee include: 1) expansion of the committee to include more resource management agencies including those with marine and coastal jurisdiction, federal research agencies, non-government organizations, and international partners, such as the East Asian flyway council; 2) international networking with resource professionals, academic researchers, and local ornithological groups in other countries within the species range; and 3) production of a peer reviewed publication or white paper summarizing current available information. The 30-member committee fosters state, provincial, national, and international collaboration to study the Aleutian Tern, and meets in conjunction with the PSG annual meeting. For more information, please contact [Susan Oehlers \(907-784-3359, soehlers@fs.fed.us\)](mailto:soehlers@fs.fed.us) or [Michael Goldstein \(907-586-9323; mgoldstein@fs.fed.us\)](mailto:mgoldstein@fs.fed.us).