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Ms. Lora L. Leschner
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Dear Ms. Leschner:

This responds to your letter, dated November 18, 1986, concerning involvement of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Pacific seabird research and management.

The Service has not changed its priorities regarding seabirds. We continue to be active in developing conservation, management, and research programs for these birds. What has changed is how we allocate resources to these activities. More attention is focused on management and monitoring than in the past. Also, more effort is concentrated in Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawaii than in earlier years. We do not expect these activities to change significantly in FY 1988 and 1989.

I have enclosed a table that summarizes our current activities involving seabird management, monitoring, and research. If you should have additional questions, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Frank Dunkle
DIRECTOR

Enclosure

*another response rec'd from
Dep Asst Reg Dir Anchorage*

FY 1987 Activities of FWS Involving Pacific Seabird
Management, Monitoring, and Research

Region	Total Funded	Total Manpower	Activities	Location
1	\$340K	6.5 FTE	Monitoring population distribution and abundance; investigating food habits and distributions; collecting life-history data.	Mainland
			Monitoring reproduction, food sources, breeding and growth; investigating effects of plastic ingestion and contaminants.	Hawaii and Johnston Atoll
7	\$460K	7.5 FTE	Investigating diets, breeding, contaminant impacts, and predation by foxes; monitoring population status on 12 islands; and developing population and contaminant monitoring techniques and management plans.	Alaska Maritime NWR, coastal islands
8	\$240K	4.0 FTE	Investigating food habits and reproduction.	St. George Island, AK
			Investigating seasonal distribution and abundance, population dynamics and ecology, and seabird/fishery interactions.	Alaska
			Investigating effects of ingestion of plastics on seabirds.	National Wildlife Health Center Madison, Wisconsin