

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



- Implementation of the MMPA and ESA
- Conservation and management of sea otters
- Ensure that populations are
 - Healthy (above OSP level)
 - A functional part of the ecosystem
- Population Surveys/Stock Assessments
- Monitoring Population Health

U.S. Geological Survey

- Formerly the research branch of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Independent Agency providing scientific expertise to agencies within the Department of Interior
- Studies of population biology, ecology

Alaska SeaLife Center



- Established in 1998
- USFWS Sea Otter Grants in FY2003-2005
- Projects include:
 - Infrastructure development
 - Literature repository
 - Telemetry R&D
 - Commander Islands
 - Health and disease studies

Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission



- Established in 1988 as the Alaska Sea Otter Commission
- MMPA Section 119 Cooperative agreements with USFWS since 1997
- Projects include:
 - Small boat survey program
 - Traditional ecological knowledge
 - Outreach to subsistence users

Other Collaborators

- National Marine Fisheries Service
- State of Alaska
- University of Alaska (Anchorage, Fairbanks)
- U.C. Davis
- Alaska Veterinary and Pathology Services
- State of California (CDFG/OWCN)
- Monterey Bay Aquarium