

Project Number 98163 I Project Leader

This project provides coordination and scientific oversight for the APEX project. It produces the summary document for the APEX annual report and the detailed project description each year. It also identifies research needs or gaps within APEX and liases with other EVOS projects and marine research programs with interests similar to those of APEX.

Project 98163 I does not directly conduct field work. It is involved in three projects, a collaborative one with 98064 to compare forage fish distribution with dive distribution and behavior of harbor seals (details of this may be found under 98064) through a graduate student Tracey Gotthardt, and a project developing electronic cover layers of the distribution of seabird colonies and fish abundance, based on historical data in Prince William Sound, for an ArcInfo Geographic Information Systems, for modelling. Finally, Project 98163 I has developed an APEX web page which can be found at: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/enri/apex/index.html>. A number of other topics have been spun off to other subprojects. 98163 I also coordinated an international Internet effort to document the 1997-98 El Niño, to evaluate how changes in the APEX study area related to changes elsewhere in birds and fish.