

# Forum on Ecoregional Monitoring for the National Wildlife Refuge System and Other Public Lands Across Alaska

Anchorage and Girdwood, Alaska  
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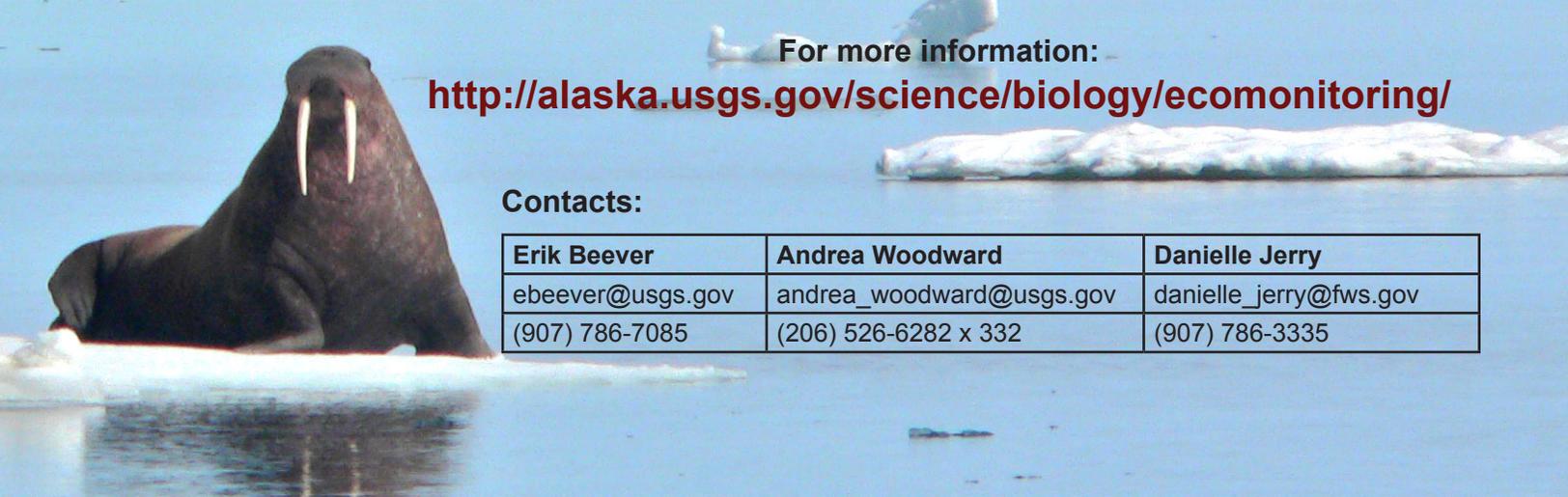
Date(s)	Location	Format, activities
April 14, 2009	Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage, AK	Presentations on broad-scale monitoring programs, given by speakers from across North America
April 15-16, 2009	Alyeska Hotel, Girdwood, AK	Workshop to discuss goals and approaches for ecoregional monitoring on refuges and other public lands



The Forum on Ecoregional Monitoring for the National Wildlife Refuge System and Other Public Lands across Alaska is hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. Originally motivated by and focused on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's development of an ecoregionally cohesive and/or statewide monitoring program, the Forum is an opportunity to improve coordination and compatibility across monitoring programs. Such an approach increases the potential for assessment, trend detection, and synthesis at broader scales, in arctic and subarctic ecosystems.

**The Forum's objectives are to:**

- ▣ discuss lessons learned from other national and international regional-scale inventory and monitoring programs, including:
  - ◆ underlying conceptual models and monitoring designs;
  - ◆ implementation issues, such as program objectives, selection of indicators, funding strategies, and ongoing challenges;
- ▣ use this understanding to develop a regional monitoring program for Alaska's Refuges that is sensitive to climate-induced changes and considers the refuge-specific monitoring programs in their ecoregional and regional contexts.



For more information:

<http://alaska.usgs.gov/science/biology/ecomonitoring/>

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