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Dear Friend of Audubon Alaska,

As Chair of the Audubon Alaska Board, I am writing to inform you that after ten extraordinary years as Audubon Alaska's Executive Director, Stan Senner has accepted the position of Director of Conservation Science with the Ocean Conservancy.

All of us who have worked on behalf of Audubon Alaska have a great sense of appreciation for Stan and all of his accomplishments. During his tenure Stan worked with his predecessor, John Schoen (now Audubon Alaska's Senior Scientist), to greatly expand our organization's capacity, credibility, and impact in Alaska. Over the last decade, Audubon Alaska's science and policy staff have successfully focused public debate on conservation of high-priority habitats for birds and other wildlife in Alaska, resulting in important protections for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, for Teshekpuk Lake in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska, and for the Tongass National Forest. During this period Audubon Alaska's funding and staffing have increased four-fold, and annual budgets have always been balanced. Although he is moving on, Stan leaves behind a superb and dedicated staff and a strong Board whose work, both individually and as a team, has been widely recognized for major conservation successes in Alaska.

The National Audubon Society and Audubon Alaska have initiated a search for a new Executive Director. We have every expectation of a smooth transition and high hopes for strong future leadership in this critical position. If you would like to view the position description or perhaps know someone who may be interested, please visit our website: www.AudubonAlaska.org.

Stan will continue as Executive Director through the end of September and will subsequently relocate to Portland, Oregon for his work with the Ocean Conservancy. Please join me and the rest of the Audubon Alaska Board and Staff in wishing Stan the best in his new endeavor.

Sincerely,

Steve Zimmerman
Board Chair