

Encounters Radio Broadcast
The Island Institute

2009 PROGRESS REPORT

Reported by: Lisa Busch
Winter 2010

Due to the rising costs of travel to and within Russia, the NPS and Island Institute agreed to consolidate 2009 and 2010 funding to more efficiently use funds to travel and report on the Russian aspect to the stories. This is in response to the increasing cost of transportation to and within the Russian Federation. Segments story lines have been researched and narrowed to:

1. Recovery of the Aleutian Goose
2. Russian Polar Bear

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They will produce four segments in total (two more than initially proposed), plus a related fifth segment described below:

1. **Aleutian Goose:** Released Dec 15, 2010. Description: for nearly 30 years the Aleutian Cackling Goose, disappeared. It was thought to be extinct in Russia and in Alaska. But in large part due to the efforts of two men, on opposite sides of the Bering Sea, the goose is back.
2. **Russian Polar Bears (and Walrus):** Released June 18, 2010. Description: Russian Eskimo people reach across the Bering Sea for an important cultural exchange in Alaska. Elizabeth Arnold reports on shared issues of polar bears in villages and on how Russian Native people are taking action to prevent walrus stampedes.
3. **Volcanology:** to air soon (will let us know in advance)
4. **Steller's Curse:** are finalizing script

Bonus (related story, but produced with other funding)

5. **Russian Inupiat visiting Barrow** (tied to Alaska-Eskimo Whaling commission or polar bear work? – not sure if she meant the AEWC beginning the week of Feb. 14th)