

BSIERP Seabirds At-Sea Broadscale & PDS Studies, Kathy Kuletz, Kathy_kulet@fws.gov; 907-786-3453 2008-2012 Tasks, Assignments, Timeline

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Start (2008)</i>	<i>Other key dates/items</i>
Plan studies, including liaison with other BSIERP & PDS collaborators	Kuletz, Irons, Byrd, Roby, Kitaysky	February	Coordination in person at Pacific Seabird Group Meeting in February
Coordinate cruises with NSF and NOAA chief scientists	Kuletz	January – August	Met at BSIERP Jan meeting, rest via email.
Plan travel & personnel budgets, allocate observer time	Kuletz	Feb - April	2008-2010, annually
Hire or contract new observers for seabird surveys	Kuletz	March - May	Post bio tech positions and notice on PSGlistserver
Update protocols for data collection and order equipment and supplies	Kuletz	March	Meet with other at-sea surveyors during PSG meeting, Feb/Mar 2008
Prepare permits for collection of birds for Patch Dynamics Study	Kuletz	March-April	May only occur in 2008 at Pribilofs, 2009 at Bogoslof
Initiate contracts for prey remains identification & stable isotope analyses	Byrd, Kuletz	April	May only occur in 2008 at Pribilofs, 2009 at Bogoslof
Coordinate with other at-sea PIs to prepare for data exchange/analysis	Kuletz, other PIs (NSF & BSIERP)	April - August	Continue each year
Conduct broad-scale at-sea surveys	Kuletz, Labunski, other observers	February - October	Complete field studies in conjunction with NSF & BSIERP cruises, 2008-2010
Conduct surveys for Patch Dynamics Studies	Kuletz, TBD observer, Heppel, Trites	July-August (~30days)	Pribilofs in 2008-2009; Bogoslof in 2009 (test survey in 2008)
Send diet samples to contractor	Kuletz, Byrd	September	Expect results by end October
Supply data to data manager	Kuletz, Coyle	November	Annually, 2008-2010
Complete NPRB progress reports	Kuletz	December	Semi-annually, 2008-2011
Prepare survey data for NPPSD & submit to database	Kuletz, Labunski, contractor	November-December	Annually, 2008-2010
Examine broad-scale distribution of seabirds in response to physical, biological factors	Kuletz, Sigler, Wilson, other NSF & BSIERP PIs	January, 2009	Continue 2009-2012
Contrast distributions of central place foragers to non-breeders	Kuletz, Irons, Byrd, Roby	January 2009	Continue 2009-2012
Examine seabird & cetacean foraging response to prey persistence, and retrospective analyses of trophic interactions	Kuletz, Sigler, Friday, Wilson, Mueter	January 2009	Continue 2009-2012