

# Counts of Adult Male Northern Fur Seals - Pribilof Islands, July, 2002

The adult male northern fur seals on St. Paul, and St. George Islands were counted over the period July 9 to 15, 2002 and are summarized in the Tables 1 and 2. The counts of territorial males with females on both Pribilof islands showed an increase this year compared to the declines observed in the previous 8 years. Data for 2002 show an increase in the territorial males with females of 15.4% on St. George and 8.3% on St. Paul. The recent decline in adult males observed on St. Paul did not continue this year, although it is clearly too early to conclude that an increase is being observed. The idle males on St. George declined between 2001 and 2002.

The near demise of one rookery (Little Polovina) on St. Paul continues to be a risk. Only two territorial males with females were observed in both 2001 and 2002 and the territorial males without females dropped from 2 to 1.

Table 1.--Number of adult male northern fur seals counted, by rookery, St. Paul Island, Alaska, July 2002.

Rookery	Date (July)	Class of adult male			Total
		2	3	5	
Lukanin	9	66	110	200	376
Kitovi	9	152	162	332	646
Reef	10	268	476	497	1,241
Gorbatch	10	155	291	907	1,353
Ardiguen	10	28	53	9	90
Morjovi	13	113	269	471	853
Vostochni	14	257	782	722	1,761
Little Polovina	11	1	2	264	267
Polovina	11	63	52	319	434
Polovina Cliffs	11	158	321	153	632
Tolstoi	9	260	354	653	1,267
Zapadni Reef	11	95	139	304	538
Little Zapadni	11	133	217	235	585
Zapadni	12	237	441	825	1,503
Island total		1,986	3,669	5,891	11,546

Table 2.--Number of harem and idle male northern fur seals counted in mid-July, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1993-2002.

Year	St. Paul		St. George		Total	
	Harem	Idle	Harem	Idle	Harem	Idle
1993	6,405	9,301	1,123	1,422	7,528	10,723
1994	5,715	10,014	1,174	1,590	6,889	11,436
1995	5,154	8,459	1,242	1,054	6,396	9,513
1996	5,643	9,239	1,248	790	6,891	10,029
1997	5,064	8,560	910	1,503	5,974	10,063
1998	4,718	8,280	1,113	1,081	5,831	9,361
1999	3,801	7,589	1,052	916	4,819	8,505
2000	3,646	6,998	869	1,295	4,515	8,293
2001	3,388	7,174	779	1,477	4,167	8,651
2002	3,669	7,877	899	1,265	4,568	9,142