

Four Birds Endangered

JUNEAU — Four species of birds would be added to the endangered species list in Alaska under terms of proposals offered by the Department of Fish and Game.

James W. Brooks, department commissioner, said that he is inviting public comment on his proposal to add the Eskimo curlew, Aleutian Canada goose, peregrine falcon and short-tailed albatross to the endangered species list.

Comments must be received by March 15 and should be sent to Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game, Subport Bldg., Juneau.

The Eskimo curlew is not known to exist in Alaska at present but former distribution may have included the northern part of the state as far west as Norton Sound.

The short-tailed albatross lives primarily on the Bonin Islands near Japan but has been known to inhabit international waters off Alaska.

Known distribution of the Aleutian Canada goose is limited to Amchitka and Buldir islands in the Aleutian chain. The total known population is about 200 birds.

The peregrine falcon has never been plentiful and pesticides now threaten its reproduction. The bird is also popular with falconers and this use could also reduce the population.