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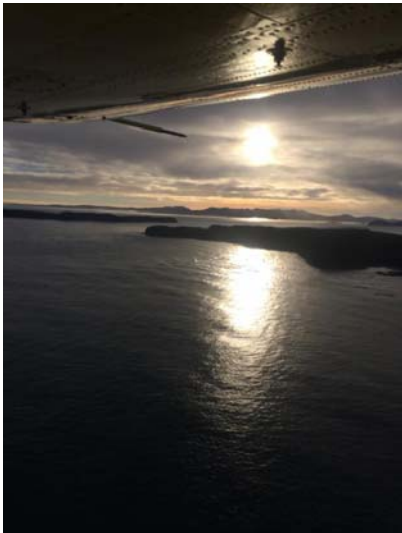
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FACULTY NEWS

Kate Wynne and **Bree Witteveen** flew an aerial survey designed around Kodiak Island on December 16th. This marked the final survey conducted under the Gulf Apex Predator prey project, which began these surveys in 1999. The purpose of the surveys was to document the seasonal distribution and abundance of Kodiak's marine mammals, including Steller sea lions, humpback whales, fin whales, gray whales and killer whales. This effort combined for a total of 128 surveys covering nearly 82,000 km over almost 484 hours of flight time! With the completion of these surveys, Bree and Kate are now executing a massive analysis of the data collected with the goal of describing preferences in the seasonal habitat of three major species of baleen whales.



Kate Wynne

Service and Outreach

- Kodiak Harbor Pier 1 (ferry terminal). Was included on a teleconference with AKDOT engineers, project managers, and their environmental consultants at HDR to discuss a strategy for applying for a NMFS permit to incidentally harass Steller sea lions during replacement of Pier 1 pilings in Kodiak harbor. The consultants then came to Kodiak and I gave them a ½ day tour of the harbor, including sea lion hangouts and processing plants that attract them in the vicinity of the proposed pier reconstruction project (14-16 Dec)



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