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## **TWO LOCAL SEABIRD SPECIES RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE SEADOC SOCIETY AND PRIVATE CITIZENS**

As part of a larger enquiry into declines of regional seabird and seaduck populations, the SeaDoc Society is teaming with Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife efforts to advance scientific investigation into the issues facing seabird populations.

With the help of a generous financial gift from private citizens the SeaDoc Society will assist State scientists with needed technology and veterinary medicine expertise as it studies the habits of local Surf scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*) populations. Additionally, the SeaDoc Society will enable a status review for the pressured Western grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*).

“The SeaDoc Society’s efforts complement and support on-going work at the state level,” said Harriet Allen, Endangered Species Manager at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. “It’s a public-private partnership that benefits wildlife and, ultimately, the residents of the state.”

“The whole of this effort is greater than the sum of its parts,” states Dr. Joe Gaydos, Regional Director of the SeaDoc Society, “and we are excited to partner with the state in applying quality science to the needs of seabirds.” Adds Gaydos, “We are uniquely able to connect private citizens’ dollars with critical science that makes a difference in marine wildlife and ecosystem health.”

It is believed that the future of effective philanthropy will increasingly feature public-private partnerships like this. Sonya Campion, CFRE, Principal and Vice President of The Collins Group, the Northwest’s premier fundraising consulting firm, agrees, “This direct and leveraged application of donor dollars represents a strategic way to ensure gifts have a real and powerful impact.”

The SeaDoc Society ([www.seadocsociety.org](http://www.seadocsociety.org)) ensures the health of marine wildlife and their ecosystems through science and education and is a satellite program of the University of California, Davis, Wildlife Health Center.

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