

North Atlantic

Acadia NP began releasing peregrine falcons in 1984 to assist in the restoration of the species in coastal New England (**Park Science**, Vol. 5, No. 3, pp. 7-8). Kyle Jones, biological technician, reports that 22 of the 23 birds released to date have successfully advanced to the stage where they care for themselves and disperse. In 1987, returning falcons were found exploring the release site, potential nesting areas, and exploiting sea-bird colonies nearby. Park employees and volunteers conducted falcon searches, combing cliff areas in the spring looking for prospecting adults. Although no signs of nesting or pairing were observed, hopes are high in Acadia for the upcoming season. New releases have been suspended in the park to avoid conflicts with returning falcons.

We have learned that our efforts on behalf of the peregrine falcon have been a success elsewhere as well. Rory, a peregrine falcon released in Acadia in 1986, is reported to have established her territory on Staten Island, NY near another NPS unit, Gateway NRA. Observers of the falcon were able to read the band numbers, which identified it as a bird released and raised in Acadia. Rory was hatched at the Raptor Research Center in Boise, ID and raised at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY supported by the Peregrine Fund. It is hoped that she will nest in the Staten Island area.

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Jim Allen led a research team with participants from the Rutgers University CPSU, University of Southern California and Northern Ireland, UK, evaluating the effects of revetment construction adjacent to Canaveral National Seashore. A report is expected this fall.

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The final report from a workshop of estuarine scientists and coastal resource managers, "Alternatives for Salt Marsh Restoration in the Fire Island National Seashore Wilderness," has been received from the CPSU at Rutgers University. It finds minimal stress to the system and recommends continuation of passive restoration of mosquito control ditches. It also suggests research to develop a more detailed study of the alternatives if increased stress to the system becomes apparent.

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The North Atlantic Region would like to extend congratulations to the Pacific Northwest Region. Barbara Samora, formerly the resource management specialist at Cape Cod NS, has left to take a job as a backcountry resource manager at Mount Rainier.