

Stanley E. Senner, M.S., Audubon Alaska Executive Director



Stan was born and raised in southcentral Kansas. He received an M.S. degree in biology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1977 and has worked as a Research Associate at the Institute of Arctic Biology (Fairbanks) and as an Affiliate Research Associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences (Philadelphia). He has published more than 25 technical papers on the ecology and conservation of migratory birds, and he spent nearly 8 years as Executive Director at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Pennsylvania.

In the policy arena, Stan worked as a professional staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and as Alaska Representative for The Wilderness Society during the time of congressional action on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. He served as Chair of the U.S. Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation and directed a Colorado-based migratory bird conservation program for the National Audubon Society. Early in his career he worked for Friends of the Earth's Northwest Office in Seattle, Washington and for what is now the Northern Alaska Environmental Center in Fairbanks.

Following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, Stan was the State of Alaska's Chief Restoration Planner under Governor Cowper and then Governor Hickel (1990-92) and Science Coordinator for the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (1995-99). In 1993, Mr. Senner received the Alaska Bird Conference's first "Pete Isleib Award" for contributions to bird conservation in Alaska. In 2005, he received the Charles H. Callison Award—the highest honor awarded by Audubon to members of its professional staff. In 2008, he received the Wilburforce Foundation's Conservation Leadership Award to honor his exceptional leadership in the conservation movement.

Stan has been Executive Director of Audubon Alaska since 1999.