

## PREFACE

This catalog is a summary of the location, size, and species composition of seabird colonies along the coast and interior marine waters of Washington. Eighteen species are discussed in more than 440 nesting sites with an estimated total population of about 300,000 birds.

The catalog is one of 10 catalogs or regional atlases published in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Report Program and contains detailed information on the natural history, distribution, and abundance of seabirds. It will be useful to planning, management, and regulatory agencies closely connected to resource decisionmaking that impacts seabirds (e.g., oil and gas leasing, coastal ecosystems and Outer Continental Shelf development).