

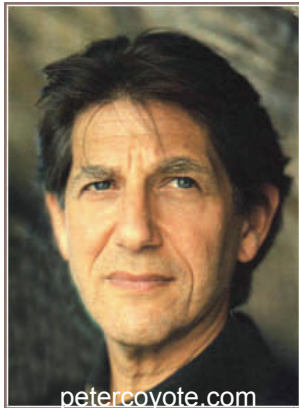


# ARCTIC TRUTH

Celebrating 50 Years of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

~ July 30, 2010 ~

Each week leading up to the **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on December 6, 2010, we will be sending you an Arctic Truth newsletter highlighting an **Arctic Hero**, an **Arctic bird** that migrates from the Refuge to other states in the US, and other news about why the Arctic Refuge deserves the strongest possible protections.



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## Arctic Hero

**Peter Coyote**, known as an acclaimed actor, author, screenwriter, director and narrator, is also an avid outdoorsman and impassioned activist. Coyote's work includes narration of the powerful documentary "Oil on Ice," which highlights the wildlife and Native people of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge who would be impacted by oil drilling. This movie has helped to bring awareness and knowledge about the Arctic Refuge to new audiences. The movie's stunning photography of the Refuge's landscape and wildlife has made clear what is at stake in the oil debate, and has effectively countered the argument made by politicians that the area is void of life.

## Arctic Bird

The **Dunlin** is a small shorebird that breeds in the wet meadow tundra of northern Canada and Alaska, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. In migration, the Dunlin flocks in tremendous numbers. In states like New Hampshire, Dunlin can be seen heading south, swirling overhead in synchronized flight patterns. Dunlins that breed in northern Alaska in the summer head through Siberia to China and Japan for the winter!



## Arctic Action

Any day now, oil companies are hoping to get approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to conduct seismic testing this summer in the Arctic Ocean's Beaufort and Chukchi Seas — including waters right off the coast of the Arctic Refuge. Despite recent court victories halting drilling activities due to inadequate environmental analyses underlying the plans, this seismic activity could still be allowed to move forward. Seismic testing would move the oil industry one step closer to developing the Arctic Ocean's sensitive waters. Please support efforts to protect the coast of the Arctic Refuge both offshore and onshore by **cosponsoring H.R. 39/S. 231**, which would designate the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge as wilderness, and by working to stop all drilling activities in the Arctic Ocean until crucial information is gathered, including proof that we can adequately respond to a major spill in the Arctic's remote, icy waters.



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