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Diving Duck Project Update

We have completed 53 aerial surveys of Lake St. Clair, western Lake Erie, and the Detroit River since the autumn of 2010 for a project aimed at (1) developing novel survey techniques for estimating diving duck abundance and (2) achieving a greater understanding of environmental and human-induced factors limiting diving duck and other waterfowl distribution on the study area. This research was developed to answer 2 fundamental management questions: (1) How many ducks use the study area and (2)

