# Andean Bears

Update provided by Scott Silver

Current population is 39.21. The age pyramid remains top heavy with older bears.  1.1 cubs born at National Zoo this year to a second time mom. 1.0 cubs born at Phoenix Zoo to a first time mom with surviving cubs.  2.1 bears have died. 2.0 were imported from Europe.  These were the first imports into the SSP in at least 15 years.  There is a high potential for cooperating with EZA as they have genetic bottlenecks as opposed to demographic issues like AZA. There is an export of 1.0 bears to the EZA pending. One potential import of a female from South America is still in the works. There are 6 recommended transfers of which 1 has occurred; master planning is scheduled for 2014.  We are cautiously optimistic of changing PVA of 20 years.

# Black Bears

Update provided by Ann Konopik

We have received requests for ACM and/or exhibit guidelines. Currently there are 4 institutions (1 AZA, 2 non AZA, and another) coming on line in the near future.  To date, we have not yet received any requests to place orphans, but there is the possibility of some coming available this fall as winter sets in.  It seems as if more states have developed rehab programs placing many cubs back into suitable habitat.  The captive population should be nonbreeding.

# Polar Bears

Update provided by Randi Meyerson

2 cubs were born at the Toledo Zoo this year. 1 cub was born at the Buffalo Zoo.  A hand-raised male from Alaska will be paired with the Buffalo Zoo female.  The committee will be meeting in Toledo on Oct 24; irs are invited and welcome to attend.  We are still working on getting bears from Canada.