

Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Resource Management Weekly Field Summary for April 2 – April 8, 2009
(Bodie Island, Hatteras and Ocracoke Districts)

Piping Plover (PIPL):

Observations	Thurs 4/2	Fri 4/3	Sat 4/4	Sun 4/5	Mon 4/6	Tues 4/7	Weds 4/8
Oregon Inlet	4	3	2	6	1	1	0
Cape Point	1	3	0	4	7	5	2
South Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatteras Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatteras Overwash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Ocracoke	2	2	3	5	1	2	4
S. Ocracoke	0	3	0	1	6	1	2

PIPL Update:

Bodie Island:

The numbers of birds have decreased throughout the week. No breeding activity has been observed.

Hatteras Island:

PIPLs at Cape Point continue to scrape.

Ocracoke Island:

One new PIPL scrape was observed 4/7/09 during the walk thru survey of the shell beds on South Point.

American Oystercatchers (AMOY):

Resightings:

All known breeding pairs have been observed on the seashore. Several unpaired (banded and unbanded) birds with no breeding histories have also been observed. A single bird which bred last year has not returned and it is suspected that bird was lost to predation last year as it tried to protect its chicks, which were also lost.

Green Island: There is one known pair present and five scrapes were observed on 4/5/2009.

Bodie Island (Ramp 1 to Bodie Spit): Three pairs are present at Bodie Spit.

Bodie/Hatteras (Rodanthe to Ramp 30): Two breeding pairs are present as well as a lone breeding bird which lost its mate last year.

Hatteras Island (Ramp 30 to Hatteras Inlet): Eleven breeding pairs, or potential pairs (two unpaired breeding birds), are present in the district.

Ocracoke Island: There are five potential breeding pairs.

Colonial Waterbirds (CWB):

Common terns have been observed roosting with royal and sandwich terns throughout the seashore. Least terns have also been observed on Ocracoke.

Sea turtle nests: N/A

Marine Mammals:

4/2/2009 - Striped dolphin stranding 0.7 miles S of R2.

4/2/2009 - Bottlenose dolphin at sound side of Salvo.

Sea Turtle Strandings:

4/08/2009 - A Kemp's ridley was found dead, sound-side Avon.

Closures - additions/modifications/removals:

4/2/2009 - Closure installed by bridge at north side of Bait Pond for scraping AMOYs.

4/2/2009 - Pedestrian corridor closed at Bodie Spit because of erosion.

4/2/2009 - Closure installed 0.3 miles south of R4 for scraping AMOYs.

4/2/2009 - Closure was installed 0.8 miles north of Buxton for scraping AMOYs.

4/4/2009 - Closure installed 0.7 miles North of R30 after copulation observed between AMOYs.

4/5/2009 - Sandy Bay AMOY closure modified to include new scrapes in the buffer.

Closure intrusions

Bodie Island:

4/06/2009 – Three sets of pedestrian tracks were observed entering the AMOY closure south of Ramp 4.

Hatteras Island:

4/05/2009 – Two sets of pedestrian tracks and a single set of dog tracks were observed entering and exiting the South Beach pre-nesting closure.

Ocracoke Island:

None.