

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore**  
**Resource Management Weekly Field Summary for April 16- April 22, 2009**  
**(Bodie Island, Hatteras and Ocracoke Districts)**

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**Piping Plover (PIPL):**

<b>Observations</b>	<b>Thurs 4/16</b>	<b>Fri 4/17</b>	<b>Sat 4/18</b>	<b>Sun 4/19</b>	<b>Mon 4/20</b>	<b>Tues 4/21</b>	<b>Weds 4/22</b>
<b>Oregon Inlet</b>	0	3	0	6	6	6	6
<b>Cape Point</b>	3	5	5	7	4	6	4
<b>South Beach</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Hatteras Inlet</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hatteras Overwash</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>N. Ocracoke</b>	0	4	2	0	7	3	2

**PIPL Update:**

**Bodie Island:**

A few more PIPLs have reappeared, but no tracks or scrapes detected during walk-through surveys.

**Hatteras Island:**

Breeding behavior continues to be seen on Cape Point. A pair of PIPL is scraping on South Beach.

**Ocracoke Island:**

PIPL scrapes still being found in South Point shell beds near one of last year's nest sites and behind the dune.

**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.

**Green Island:** 1 active nest/0 hatched nests/0 nests lost

**Bodie District (Ramp 1 to Bodie Spit):** 0 active nests/0 hatched nests/0 nests lost

**Bodie/Hatteras District (Rodanthe to Ramp 30):** 1 active nest/0 hatched nests/0 nests lost

**Hatteras District:** 0 active nests/0 hatched nests/1 nest lost (three-egg nest lost to predation)

**Ocracoke District:** 0 active nests/0 hatched nests/0 nest lost

**Colonial Waterbirds (CWB):** Least terns are showing up in all districts. Some courtship (fish-flashing) observed.

**Sea turtle nests:** N/A

**Marine Mammals:**

4/21/09 - Atlantic white-sided dolphin found dead 0.3 mi N of R2.

4/20/09 - Neonate bottlenose dolphin was found dead 1.0 mi N of R49.

**Sea Turtle Strandings:**

4/20- Loggerhead sea turtle was found on the sound side at Hatteras Inlet.

**Closures - additions/modifications/removals:**

4/17/09 - AMOY closure installed 2.4 mi S of R38

4/17/09 - AMOY closures removed 0.8 mi N of Buxton and 1.7 mi S R38

4/18/09 - AMOY closure installed 0.7 mi S of R27

4/19/09 - AMOY closure installed 3.0 mi S of R59

4/21/09 - AMOY closure modified 0.8 mi S of R68

4/22/09 - PIPL closure installed at R45

**Closure intrusions**

**Bodie Island:**

4/19/2009: Two sets of pedestrian tracks (adult & child) were observed in closure 0.2 mi S of R4.

**Hatteras Island:**

4/16/09 - A kite boarder entered the Sandy Bay AMOY closure.

4/19/09 - A set of ORV and pedestrian tracks were seen inside the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting closure.

**Ocracoke Island (OI):**

4/17/09- N.OI- One pedestrian shelling in prenesting closure.

4/18/09- N.OI- Three pedestrians with two dogs shelling in prenesting closure from anchored boat.