

Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Resource Management Weekly Field Summary for April 22 - April 29, 2009
(Bodie Island, Hatteras and Ocracoke Districts)

Piping Plover (PIPL):

Observations	Thurs 4/23	Fri 4/24	Sat 4/25	Sun 4/26	Mon 4/27	Tues 4/28	Weds 4/29
Oregon Inlet	1	3	2	3	0	1	3
Cape Point	3	4	0	5	2	8	4
South Beach	2	1	0	1	0	2	1
Hatteras Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatteras Overwash	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
N. Ocracoke	5	9	5	5	4	0	0
S. Ocracoke	4	2	2	2	7	2	0

PIPL Update:

Bodie Island:

Very few PIPLs being observed. PIPLs are mostly foraging and no breeding behavior has been observed.

Hatteras Island:

At least six pairs have been identified at Cape Point. An additional pair continues to scrape at South Beach.

Ocracoke Island:

Three pairs have been identified at South Point. PIPL scrapes continue to be documented.

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.

9 total nests to date; 8 active nests; 1 nest lost; 0 nests hatched

0 total chicks hatched; 0 unfledged chicks; 0 chicks lost; 0 fledged chick

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

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

Bodie/Hatteras District (Rodanthe to Ramp 30): 4 active nests/0 hatched nests/0* nest lost

***One nest suffered a clutch reduction to an unknown predator and continued to lay additional eggs in a new location.**

Hatteras District: 3 active nest/0 hatched nests/1 nest lost

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. Black skimmers observed at Hatteras Inlet.

Sea turtle nests: N/A

Marine Mammals: N/A

Sea Turtle Strandings: N/A

Closures - additions/modifications/removals:

- 4/23 - Closure 1 mi north of R30 was modified (reduced); the north boundary was moved south ~ 0.1 mi after an AMOY nest was discovered.
- 4/23 - Closure 2.3 mi south of R38 was modified: the north boundary was moved north ~0.1 mi after a new AMOY scrape was documented.
- 4/24 - Closure 0.7 mi south of R27 was removed because AMOYs nested farther north. A new full-beach closure was installed 0.3 miles S of R27 for the nest.
- 4/25 - Closure installed 0.2 mi north of R34 after AMOY scrapes were found.
- 4/26 - Closure was installed on Bodie Island Spit (next to the bridge) for new AMOY scrape.
- 4/27 - Closure 0.3 miles S of R27 was expanded south to accommodate two new AMOY scrapes.
- 4/27 - Closure installed between R43 and R44 after an AMOY pair was observed scraping.
- 4/27 - East side of Cape Point pre-nesting closure was modified to include PIPL scrapes.
- 4/27 - Cape Point closure modified (reduced) after an AMOY nest was found.
- 4/28 - Closure under Bonner Bridge on the north side of the Bait Pond was removed.
- 4/28 - Closure installed just S of R27 for AMOY scrape.
- 4/29 - Closure was installed 0.8 mi S of R27 for an AMOY nest.
- 4/29 - The southern boundary of the closure just south of R27 was reduced after this pair's nest was located.
- 4/29 - The existing closure was removed and a new one was installed at Sandy Bay after the AMOY nest was located.
- 4/29 - Closure modified for new AMOY scrapes ~0.7 mi S of R59.

Closure intrusions

Bodie Island:

4/28 - Two kayakers landed inside the AMOY closure by the bridge and were fishing.

Hatteras Island:

4/27 - A set of large dog tracks was seen approximately 50 meters inside the Hatteras Inlet Closure on the sound-side.

Ocracoke Island:

None.