

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
Resource Management Weekly Field Summary; July 24 to July 30, 2008  
(Bodie Island, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Districts)**

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**Piping Plover:**

Monitoring of wintering/migratory PIPs following a standardized protocol will begin on August 5, 2008. RM staff is reestablishing and mapping the transects that will be used this winter.

**The weekly report no longer contains information about the 2008 Nesting Season since all chicks are fledged and no more breeding is anticipated. See the 7/17-7/23 Weekly Report for information about the 2008 Nesting Season.**

**Am. Oystercatchers Update:**

AMOY Update: (active = # of nests w/eggs (not hatched); hatched= # of nests w/ chicks)

**32 total nests to date; 0 active nests; 17 nests lost; 15 nests hatched  
26 total chicks hatched; 6 unfledged chicks; 9 chicks lost; 11 fledged chicks**

AMOY Update: (active = # of nests w/eggs (not hatched); hatched= # of nests w/ chicks)

Bodie Island:

0 active nest/2 hatched nests/3 nests lost

2 total chicks hatched; 2 unfledged chicks; 0 chicks lost; 0 fledged chicks

The expected fledge dates for the two chicks are 8/8 and 8/10.

Green Island:

0 active nest/1 hatched nests/3 nest lost

2 total chicks hatched; 2 unfledged chicks; 0 chicks lost; 0 fledged chicks

The two chicks are past their expected fledge date.

Hatteras Island:

Bodie/Hatteras District (south of Pea Island NWR- Ramp 30);

0 active nests/4 hatched nests/4 nests lost

9 total chicks hatched; 2 unfledged chicks; 5 chicks lost; 2 fledged chicks

One chick from a brood of three was observed flying on 7/29. The other two chicks should fledge within the next few days.

Hatteras District (Ramp 30 – Hatteras Inlet);

0 active nests/5 hatched nests/4 nests lost

11 total chicks hatched; 0 unfledged chicks; 4 chicks lost; 7 fledged chicks (two fledglings lost)

Ocracoke Island:

0 active nests/1 hatched nest/3 nests lost

2 total chicks hatched; 0 unfledged chicks; 0 chicks lost; 2 fledged chicks

**Colonial Waterbirds:**

Bodie Island:

The LETE/BLSK colony that was established one mile south of Ramp 4 lost all remaining nests to predation. Approximately 30 LETE were observed but no nests were documented on 7/30.

Green Island:

A Black Skimmer(BLSK)/Common Tern (COTE) colony on the north end of Green Island had one one-egg BLSK nest and one one-egg COTE nest, five two-egg COTE nests, and two three-egg COTE nests on 7/25.

Hatteras Island:

Bodie/Hatteras District (Pea Island - Ramp 30):

A LETE colony 2.1 miles south of Ramp 23 has two remaining one-egg nests and three fledglings. One destroyed egg was found in the ATV tracks from a violation that occurred on 7/30.

A LETE colony 0.9 miles north of Ramp 27 has about 11 adults, seven fledglings and four very young chicks.

A LETE colony 0.4 miles south of Ramp 27 has about 36 adults, 17 fledglings and no nests or chicks were observed on 7/30 survey.

Hatteras District (Ramp 30 – Hatteras Inlet):

A LETE colony north of Ramp 34 had 45 fledglings on 7/29. On 7/30 three unfledged chicks, three one-egg LETE nests, three two-egg LETE nests and one two-egg COTE nest was documented. Many cat tracks were observed throughout the colony.

A LETE colony at Cape Point Center had 11 fledglings and a single-egg nest was being incubated on 7/30.

A LETE colony at Ramp 45 had no visible fledglings, chicks or nests on 7/30, however two adults were exhibiting territorial behavior.

A LETE colony at South Beach (1.5 miles west of Ramp 45) had 13 fledglings, 4 unfledged chicks, and two one-egg nests on 7/30.

Ocracoke Island:

The main LETE colony on the ocean beach at South Point has one one-egg nest and scrapes that were found on 7/27.

A LETE subcolony on the South Point spit has one two-egg nest and several new scrapes found on 7/26.

**Sea Turtle Nests:**

Nests this Week on CAHA: 6 nests/1 dig\*

Total Nests at CAHA: 98 nests/1 dig (1 Bodie Island; 73 Hatteras Island; 24 nests/1 dig Ocracoke Island); 3 Green nests, 96 Loggerhead nests.

\* One loggerhead dig occurred on Ocracoke. A dig is a site that most likely has a nest but the eggs could not be located.

Total False Crawls on CAHA: 89

**Sea Turtle Hatchings:**

Two nests have hatched this week.

**Sea Turtle Nest Expansions:**

Sixteen nests are currently expanded and six nests will be expanded this upcoming week. For more information on the location of the nests and access issues please take a look at the weekly Beach Access Report.

**Marine Mammals** (this week only): None.

**Sea turtle Strandings** (this week only):

7/27 A green was discovered on South Point on Ocracoke (soundside).

7/30 A green was discovered on South Beach.

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

Closure #	Location	Species	Date Installed
<b>Bodie Hatteras</b>			
BH08-008-C	1 mi north Ramp 27	CWB	7/27/08
<b>Hatteras Island</b>			
HI08-003-R	Hatteras Inlet Spit	PIPL	7/24/08 (removed)
HI08-001-J	Cape Point	PIPL	7/29/08
<b>Ocracoke</b>			
OI08-003-R	0.9 mi S Ramp 68	AMOY	7/24/08 (removed)

**Closure intrusions since last report:**

Violation type	Bodie Island			Hatteras			Ocracoke		
	ORV	Ped.	Other	ORV	Ped.	Other	ORV	Ped.	Other
<b>Bird closure</b>	1	2	1	2*	1	0	5	2	2
<b>Turtle closure</b>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	1	2	1	2*	4	0	5	2	2**

\*Turtle patrol discovered ATV tracks entering and exiting a colonial waterbird closure south of Ramp 23. A walk-through of the colony revealed one active LETE nest had been run over.

\*\* Dogs in resource closure.