

Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Resource Management Field Summary for April 14 – April 20, 2011
(Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke Districts)

Piping Plover (PIPL) Observations:

Observations	Thurs 4/14	Fri 4/15	Sat 4/16	Sun 4/17	Mon 4/18	Tues 4/19	Weds 4/20
Oregon Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Cape Point	6	5	4	5	7	8	3
South Beach	0	0	3	0	1	2	3
Hatteras Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatteras Overwash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Ocracoke	0	0	4	3	14	8	12
S. Ocracoke	14	4	1	3	6	4	4

PIPL Summary: We currently have three active nests and additional pairs are scraping and exhibiting territorial behavior.

Nest #	Pair #	Location	Date Found	Hatch Date	Total Chicks Hatched	Unfledged Chicks	Chicks Lost	Fledged Chicks
HI01	HI01	Cape Point	4/15/2011	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HI02	HI02	Cape Point	4/18/2011	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HI03	HI03	South Beach	4/20/2011	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Wilson's Plover (WIPL) Summary: WIPL breeding behavior has been observed and possible scrapes have been found on South Point.

American Oystercatcher (AMOY) Summary: From the 23 pairs that nested in 2010, 41 of the 46 AMOYs have been observed on the seashore. Territorial behavior and scraping is being observed in all districts. We currently have five active nests.

Nest #	Pair #	Location	Date Found	Hatch Date	Total Chicks Hatched	Unfledged Chicks	Chicks Lost	Fledged Chicks
GI01	GIAM01	Bodie-Hatteras	4/15/11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HI01	HIAM01	Hatteras	4/15/11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HI02	HIAM02	Hatteras	4/18/11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HI03	HIAM03	Hatteras	4/19/11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OI01	OIAM01	Ocracoke	4/18/11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Colonial Waterbirds (CWBs): No breeding colonies have formed.

Sea Turtle Nests & False Crawls: None.

Sea Turtle Strandings: None.

Marine Mammal Strandings:

District	Date	Species	Stranding Location
Bodie	4/15/2011	Bottlenose Dolphin	At Ramp 4
Bodie-Hatteras	NA	NA	NA
Hatteras	4/17/2011	Bottlenose Dolphin	1.7 mi SW of Ramp 55
	4/17/2011	Bottlenose Dolphin	2.2 mi W of Ramp 45
	4/20/2011	Harbor Porpoise	Just N of Ramp 55
Ocracoke	4/16/2011	Bottlenose Dolphin	1.4 mi N of Ramp 67
	4/20/2011	Bottlenose Dolphin	3.7 mi S of Ramp 59

Closures – additions/modifications/removals:

District/ Closure #	Location	Species	Date Installed (or Removed)
Bodie	NA	NA	NA
Bodie-Hatteras	NA	NA	NA
Hatteras			
HI-11-001-D	0.5 mi S of Ramp 44	PIPL	4/15/2011
HI-11-007-R	3.0 mi S of Ramp 38	AMOY	4/18/2011
HI-11-008-A	1.7 mi S of Ramp 38	AMOY	4/18/2011
HI-11-009	2.6 mi S of Ramp 38	AMOY	4/18/2011
HI-11-005-A	Between Ramps 43 & 44	AMOY	4/19/2011
HI-11-001-E	Cape Point	AMOY	4/20/2011
HI-11-001-F	E of Ramp 45	PIPL	4/20/2011
HI-11-002-E	W of Ramp 45	AMOY	4/20/2011
Ocracoke			
OI-11-005-A	0.6 mi S of Ramp 68	AMOY	4/14/2011
OI-11-005-B	0.6 mi S of Ramp 68	AMOY	4/18/2011
OI-11-004-A	2.5 mi S of Ramp 59	AMOY	4/18/2011

Closure Intrusions:

District	Date	Type of Intrusion	Comments
Bodie		None	
Bodie-Hatteras		None	
Hatteras	4/14/2011	Pedestrian	Two sets of barefoot tracks from the Pole Road to the ocean, 1 mile S of Ramp 55 in the Overwash prenesting closure.
	4/15/2011	Pedestrian	Two pedestrians having a picnic inside the closure, 1.6 mi W of Ramp 45.
	4/15/2011	Pedestrian	Two sets of footprints going into pre-nesting closure to Salt Pond and back out, S of Ramp 44.
	4/16/2011	Dog	An off-leash dog briefly ran into and then out of the closure on the east side of Ramp 45.
	4/17/2011	ORV	ORVs backed into and broke string for the Cape Point pre-nesting closure at the south end of the by-pass.
	4/17/2011	Pedestrian	Two sets of barefoot tracks in the PIPL closure/bumpout above the tide line to Cape Point.
	4/17/2011	Pedestrian/Dog	Tracks of two pedestrians and dog going down Salt Pond Road to shoreline.
	4/17/2011	Dog	Two sets of dog tracks in the interior of the Cape Point pre-nesting closure. The tracks crossed the dunes into the backshore.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	Eight people walking above the waterline in the PIPL closure/bumpout leading to Cape Point.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	A set of barefoot tracks were observed 0.6 mi E of Ramp 45.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	Three pedestrians at Salt Pond Road inside the pre-nesting closure.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	Two pedestrians in the prenesting closure west of Ramp 45.
	4/20/2011	Pedestrian	Two sets of pedestrian tracks inside Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting closure. One set went in the closure ~50 ft and left the same way. The other set led to the water's edge and traveled above the waterline.

Hatteras	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	Five sets of pedestrian tracks going into the Hatteras Overwash pre-nesting closure, oceanside.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	Twenty-five fishermen were observed on the shoreline above the waterline inside the Cape Point pre-nesting closure.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	As many as 20 sets of pedestrian tracks were observed above the water through the PIPL and AMOY full beach closures/bumpouts on the east side of Cape Point. Many of the tracks overlapped so an exact number of violations was not possible to obtain.
	4/19/2011	Pedestrian	Four sets of pedestrian tracks entered the AMOY closure/bumpout from the shoreline on the east side of Cape Point and ended in the Hook. Drag marks from what appeared to be an ice chest were evident. Another pedestrian entered the closure from the Hook and walked through an American oystercatcher scrape. The tracks stopped near some exposed marine mammal bones and then returned to the Hook.
	4/20/2011	ORV/Pedestrian	ORVs parked south of the by-pass broke string between signs. Pedestrians walked past the broken string and signs down the by-pass for 20 meters and then exited the closure.
	4/20/2011	Pedestrian	Four pedestrians entered the Cape Point pre-nesting closure and walked WSW through the closure into the dunes and continued into the Hook. In doing so they walked within 15-30 meters of two unexclosed PIPL nests.
	4/20/2011	ORV/Pedestrian	More than a dozen bait fish, heads of bait fish and the remains of a filleted bluefish were dumped in the closure behind the "parking area" south of the by-pass.
	4/20/2011	Pedestrian	A fisherman who had walked from the Ramp 45 side of the Cape Point pre-nesting closure towards the Hook was observed fishing from the closed shoreline.

Hatteras	4/20/2011	Pedestrian	Four pedestrian tracks were observed on the west side of the Cape Point pre-nesting closure. The tracks disappeared at the tide line after 50 meters. Returning tracks from the same four pedestrians were then observed exiting the closure north of the entry point.
	4/20/2011	Pedestrian/Dog	Two pedestrians with a dog were walking above the waterline in the AMOY closure/bumpout at Cape Point.
	4/20/2011	Pedestrian	A fisherman was observed at Cape Point with a pier cart.
	4/20/2011	Pedestrian	A man and woman on shoreline fishing inside the AMOY closure/bumpout at Cape Point.
Ocracoke	4/15/11	Pedestrian	Seven pedestrians were observed entering the North Ocracoke pre-nesting closure from the ferry beach.
	4/17/11	ORV, Pedestrian/ Dog	A visitor drove into the closure south of Ramp 59 because closure signs had been lost in the storm from the previous evening.
	4/17/11	Pedestrian	Two sets of footprints entered the AMOY/bumpout closure on North Ocracoke, continued for several feet and then exited the closure.
	4/19/11	Pedestrian	One set of barefoot pedestrian tracks entered the AMOY closure 2.9 miles south of Ramp 59, continued for several feet and then exited the closure.

Deliberate Violations: None