

2012 Atlantic and Gulf Coast American Oystercatcher Working Group Annual Meeting

Nov 26-29, 2012
Cedar Key Community Center
Cedar Key, Florida

Monday, November 26, 2012: Travel Day

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

- 7:00 am* **Birding trip to local attractions** (optional) Meet at Cedar Key Community Center (location of the meeting) at 7AM to carpool to sites (dress appropriately for windy/cold/buggy).
- 8:30 am* **Breakfast**
- 9:00 am* **Welcome, logistics, introductions** - Peter Frederick and Janell Brush
- 9:20 am* **Discussion of meeting agenda** - Todd Pover
- 9:30 am* **State of AMOY recovery initiative** - Update on Working Group initiative progress and vital signs as well as the results and progress from the 2012 field season range-wide – Shiloh Schulte
- 10:00 am* **Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative.** Overview and how AMOY WG effort might be incorporated – Brad Winn
- 10:30 am* **Multi-species monitoring/management conducted by AMOY WG** - Results of survey conducted among WG members prior to meeting, how best to present/report multi-species effort to funders – Alex Wilke
- 10:50 am* **Discussion: Integrated shorebird management** - Translating AMOY management to a broader array of beach-going species without losing focus on AMOY (Leaders: Shiloh Schulte and Alex Wilke)
- 11:30 am* **Working Group Webpage update** – Tracy Borneman
- 11:45 am* **BNA Account update** – Ted Simons
- 12-1:00 pm* **Lunch** (provided in Community Center)
- 1:00 pm* **AMOY Band/Resight Database Status Update and Q&A**– Lindsay Addison. This is meant as a forum for the group to ask general questions or bring up general concerns/discussion points now that the database is “live”. Lindsay has offered to set up a computer during lunch (and/or dinner) if you want to ask specific questions about your data or need to see a personal demonstration
- 2:00 pm* **Data Sharing and Code of Ethics** – Ted Simons (Lindsay Addison)

- 2:30 pm **Review of Current AMOY Best Management Practices** – Shiloh Schulte
- 2:50 pm **Discussion: Sustainable/Best Management Practices**
Are we employing the most effective techniques for AMOY/shorebird management? What measures of success best capture habitat management and conservation (eg miles of shoreline in conservation, changes in predator abundance/composition)?
- 3:30 pm **Break**
- 3:45 pm **Rangewide AMOY Winter Survey** – update on the upcoming aerial survey in the winter of 2012/13, which is meant to replicate the baseline survey conducted in 2002/3 – Shiloh Schulte
Note: In addition to this update and a short general group discussion to follow, Shiloh will convene a meeting of participants at Wednesday's breakfast.
- 4:15 pm **Review, Revisit, and Wrap**
- 4:30-5:00 pm **Adjourn**
- 6:30 pm **Group Dinner at pre-arranged local restaurant**

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

- 7:00 am **Birding trip to Shell Mound (optional)**. Meet at Cedar Key Community Center at 7AM to carpool to sites (dress appropriately for windy/cold/buggy).
- 8:30 am **Breakfast**
(Winter survey follow-up meeting)
- 9:00 am **Habitat Selection of Wintering AMOY in Cedar Key, FL** – Peter Frederick, Janell Brush, and Amy Schwarzer
- 9:25 am **Shorebird Restoration on the Gulf Coast** – Margo Zdravkovic
- 9:45 am **2012 AMOY research and monitoring in Texas** – Susan Heath
- 10:05 am **Boat Disturbance Study in North Carolina** – Lindsay Addison
- 10:25 am **Summary of North Carolina State University AMOY Research** – Tracy Borneman
- 10:45 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **Range-wide AMOY Breeding Season Survey** – Update on the progress made

towards making survey a reality. Proposed survey protocols and objectives, state's needs – Ruth Boettcher and Ted Simons

- 11:30 am* **Range-wide Survey - Group Discussion and Next Steps** (Leader: Ruth Boettcher and Ted Simons)
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm* **Lunch** (provided in Community Center) Range-wide Breeding Season Survey state coordinators/interested parties meeting – more detailed discussion of state-by-state needs and assignments for next sites.
- 1:00 pm* **Results of Pilot Use of Flags in North Carolina** - Tracy Borneman
- 1:20 pm* **Update on Use of Flags in Delaware** – Matt Bailey
- 1:30 pm* **Bands/Flags – Discussion:** Do we move forward as a group with the use of flags, if so what are the protocols and logistics? (Discussion Leaders: Ted Simons, Tracy Borneman, and Matt Bailey). **Note: the goal of this session is to leave the meeting with a final decision on this issue.**
- 2:00 pm* **Working Group Organization and Advisory Committee** – Discussion leaders: Todd Pover and Ruth Boettcher
- 2:30 pm* **AMOY foraging and mussel restoration in Wellfleet Bay, MA** – Ellen Jedrey
- 2:55 pm* **Break** - Group Photo
- 3:10 pm* **Tracking Common Terns and American Oystercatchers in Nantucket Sound** - Pam Loring (presented by Shiloh Schulte)
- 3:20 pm* **Massachusetts Breeding Population** - Sean Murphy (presented by Shiloh Schulte)
- 3:30 pm* **American Oystercatcher Working Group in Mexico (Osteros WG)** - Stephen Brown
- 3:45 pm* **Oystercatcher Monitoring in the Gulf of California, Mexico** - Emily Wittman
- 4:00 pm* **Effects of Hurricane Sandy on AMOY in New Jersey** – Todd Pover
- 4:15 pm* **NFWF hurricane relief** - Brad Winn
- 4:30 pm* **Discussion: Goals for 2013. 2013 meeting site.**
- Adjourn**
- Dinner on your own**

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Field Trip day Leave dock on large pontoon vessel 10:30 am. Look at oyster restoration sites and condition of AMOY feeding habitat. As tide rises, view high tide roosts of AMOY and other shorebirds. Hopefully, everyone can see the birds they have banded. High tide is at 2:43 pm, so this is not an early morning trip. Bag lunches on the boat. This means that field trippers would probably be staying Thursday night unless they live within a reasonable driving distance.