



American Oystercatcher Recovery Initiative

2013 Working group update



**Business Plan for the Conservation of the
American Oystercatcher**

A 10-Year Plan to Secure a Coastal Keystone Species

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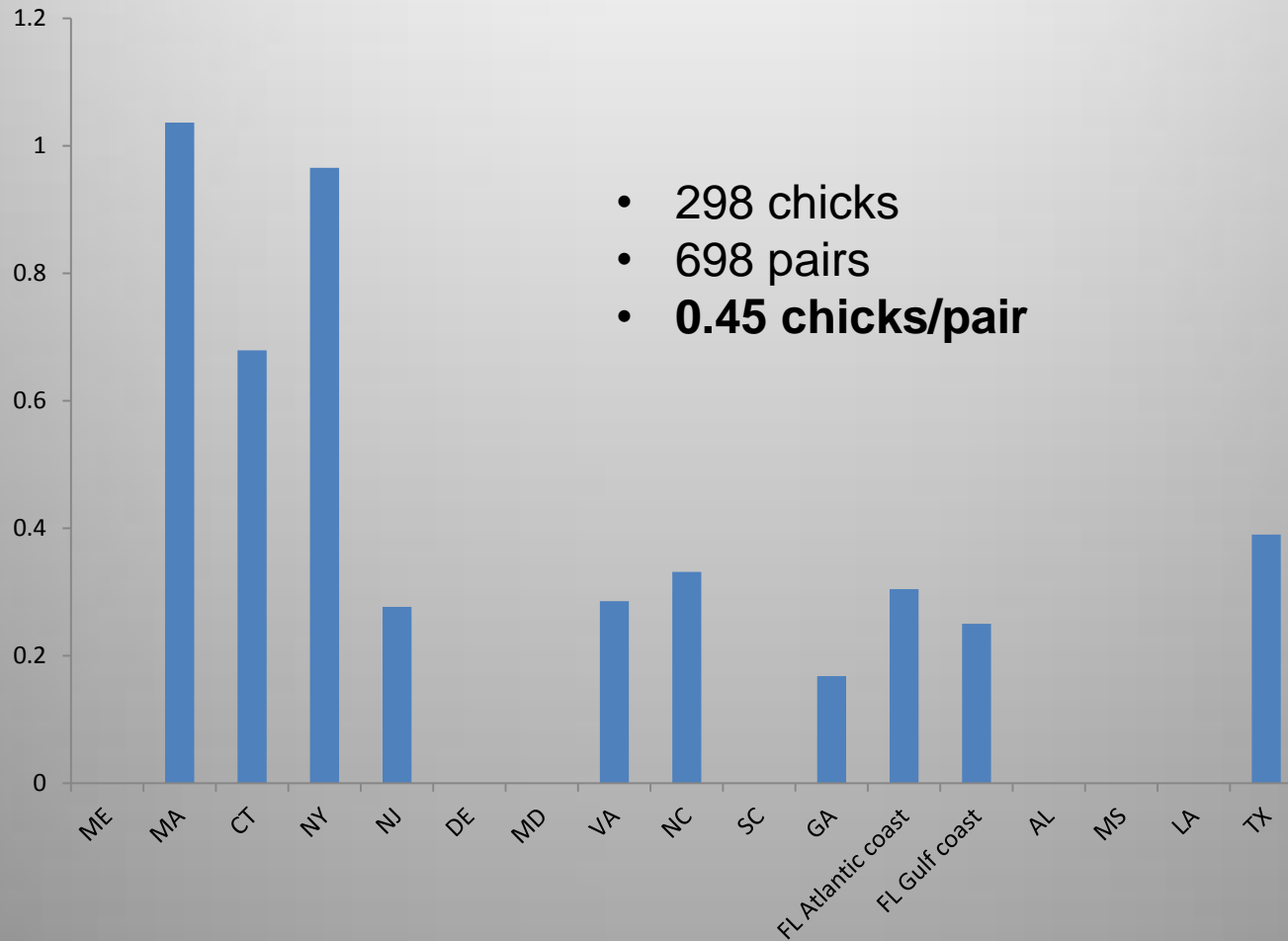
Business plan

- Objective:
 - 30% population increase in 10 years
 - ~ 0.5 chicks/pair/year
 - Coordinated long-term management and conservation
- Scale:
 - 10M over 10 years in matching support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
 - Encompasses the range of the American Oystercatcher in North America

Vital signs

- Population size
 - News at 11!
- Productivity (Chicks/pair)
 - 0.5 needed for 30% pop increase in 10 years
 - Average of **0.52** since start of recovery initiative (2009)
 - Up from 0.30 (declining) before recovery initiative
- Coordinated Management
 - Good communication/Rapid transfer of information
 - Development and implementation of BMPs
- Coordinated Monitoring
 - Common metrics, survey standards, and reporting
- Habitat managed
 - ~800 miles of coastline managed
- Participation and support
 - 30+ partners in AMOY Working Group
 - Partners in every Atlantic and Gulf Coast state
 - Federal, State, and private support for the initiative
 - 2nd year of Mexico AMOY working group

2013 AMOY productivity



2013 state data

State	Pairs	Chicks	Productivity	Banded
ME				
NH				
MA	99	99	1.00	34
RI				
CT	53	36	0.68	
NY	29	28	0.97	5
NJ	112	31	0.28	
DE				
MD				
VA	49	14	0.29	6
NC	193	64	0.33	41
SC				
GA	71	16	0.17	20
FL Atlantic coast	23	7	0.30	8
FL Gulf coast	16	4	0.25	5
AL				
MS				
LA				
TX	97	36	0.39	48
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