

# The American Oystercatcher Band Database: Submitting Data to the Bird Banding Lab



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# AMOY Band Database

- Data sharing agreement:
  - *Data submitted to the American Oystercatcher Band Database will be released into the public domain following a three-year rolling window that begins at the time the data enters the database.*
  - *The Bird Banding Laboratory will assume responsibility for archiving and distributing the data released into the public domain. Working Group members must opt in to the release of their data to the BBL.*

# Reasons We're Submitting Data

- Ensure data has a home, even decades into the future when the WG may not be active
- Continue collaborative practices that make the WG a model for other groups
- Data transparency has conservation advantages
- The scientific community in general is moving in this direction
- This is the process we committed to

# Bird Banding Lab Data Sharing Policies

- “Banding and encounter data are available for research purposes”
- Data are in the public domain
  - If more than 5% of data to be published will be from a single permittee, permission must be obtained
- Requests for data should include:
  - Your contact info (a valid e-mail address and daytime phone number)
  - Selection criteria for data needed
  - A justification for receiving data
  - (If you are a bander) permit name and permit number

Are there questions from the group about requesting data from the BBL?

# Years Included in Initial Submission

- A rolling three-year delay would mean 1999 - 2012
- Going forward, each year thereafter, one more year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) of data would be submitted to the BBL

# What We're Asking You to Do

- Within each state, talk together about opting in
  - Try to respond by state, or in the largest groups possible
  - E-mail Lindsay with your decision
  - Status of progress will appear on website
- Identify whose permits your state has banded under, and list their names
  - Resights will be submitted under either a single permit, or if requested, under the permit associated with each birds' capture record

# Field-readable Band Coordination

- How is our current method of ordering bands working?
- BBL has the capacity to assist if needed
- Suggestion: add information about which combinations have been ordered to website



# Questions?

- If there is time, does anyone have a question?
- If there is not enough time, we can continue at lunch
- We will summarize this discussion, the e-mail list serv, and receive additional feedback