

2011 Atlantic Coast American Oystercatcher Working Group Annual Meeting

Nov 28 – Dec 1, 2011
James Island County Park
Charleston, SC

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

8:00 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am **Welcome, logistics, introductions**

8:45 am **Discussion of meeting agenda**

9:00 am **2011 overview and Working Group progress updates**

Brief look at the 2011 breeding season in context of previous years, updates on action items from 2011, highlight new members and projects. – Shiloh Schulte

9:30-10:30am **Discussion: Regionwide population estimates**

Winter Survey – Plans for repeating the 2002-2003 aerial survey in 2012-2013. Logistics, available resources, implementation timing and strategy. – Shiloh Schulte, discussion leader

Breeding Season Survey – State-by-state comprehensive breeding surveys. Goals: Map breeding sites, estimate adult AMOY population, and identify emerging and threatened sites. –Discussion leader: Ruth Boettcher

10:30am-12:00pm **Discussion:** Breeding season data collection and management. Review monitoring metrics and discuss any changes or additions. Options for management of shared breeding season data. Review example data sharing agreement.

12-1 pm **Lunch**

1:00-1:30pm **BNA Account and Web Page update** – Ted Simons

1:30-2:00pm **Texas field work update** – Sue Heath

2:00-2:30pm **Florida Resights** – Pat and Doris Leary

2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-3:45 pm	Banding database demonstration – Walker Golder Database discussion: Banding database questions, reconciling the working group database with the potential for housing records at the BBL.
3:45-4:45 pm	Flag-banding initiated in North Carolina: Effects, Resighting, and Considerations – Tracy Borneman and Jocelyn Wright Flag Banding discussion: Moving forward with of flag bands vs other schemes. Future of coordinated mark-resight work.
4:45-5:00 pm	Field Methods discussion: Questions about the use of radio tags, and other research and management tools.
5:00 pm	Adjourn
6:30 pm	Dinner on site at County Park/Poster Session

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30-9:00am	Effects of Human Activity on American Oystercatchers Breeding at Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina – Tracy Borneman
9:30-9:50am	Georgia Fieldwork update – Tim Keyes
9:50-10:10am	Headstarting in South Carolina – Sam Collins
10:10-10:40	Identifying magnitude and sources of change in oyster reefs in the Big Bend area of Florida – Peter Frederick
10:40-10:50	Break
10:50am- 12:00pm	Discussion: Sustainable Management Practices Follow up on the management discussion from the 2010 meeting, including a predator management survey. It is clear that organizations face significant challenges in prioritizing short-term and long-term management needs for Oystercatchers and other shorebirds, and implementing management practices that are effective and sustainable over time. As a group, we can advance conservation efforts by defining best management practices and

providing examples of sustainable implementation.

12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00pm-1:30pm	A comparison of nesting success on dredge spoil and barrier islands in North Carolina – Jessica Stocking
1:30-2:00pm	Webcams and other field methods in Massachusetts – Ellen Jedrey
2:00-2:15pm	Field work in Rhode Island and Connecticut – Sharon Marino
2:15-2:30pm	Break
2:30-3:30pm	Discussion: Opportunities for regional or coastwide collaboration. Recent Northeast regional cooperative AMOY/PIPL project as an example. Other collaborative management or research opportunities on the horizon.
3:30-5:00pm	Discussion: Goals for 2012. Working group organization. Selecting committees and roles for the upcoming year. 2012 meeting site. – Discussion leaders: Todd Pover and Shiloh Schulte
5:00pm	Adjourn
7:00 pm	Dinner in Charleston

Thursday, December 1, 2011

8:00 am	Breakfast and field trip logistics
9:00 am	Meet at Parking Lot for field trip to boat to Morris Island and Bird Key
2:00 pm	Return from field trip; Meeting adjourned