

How Psyched is the Working Group
to Conduct Range-wide AMOY
Breeding Surveys?

Survey says...

Coordinated range-wide AMOY breeding survey objectives:

1. To obtain a second *complete* measure of the Atlantic/Gulf coast oystercatcher population (breeders + non-breeders).
2. To obtain accurate range-wide breeding population estimates.
3. To better the define the breeding distribution of oystercatchers within the range.
4. To obtain information on oystercatcher survival, age at first breeding, movement patterns, etc. by incorporating resighting of marked individuals in the survey effort.

Number of states that completed the SurveyMonkey questionnaire:

Twelve (but have info from 13):

1. Massachusetts
2. Rhode Island
3. Connecticut***
4. New York
5. New Jersey
6. Delaware
7. Maryland
8. Virginia
9. North Carolina
10. South Carolina
11. Georgia
12. Florida
13. Texas

States that have conducted complete statewide surveys in the past

| | Statewide survey? | | |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------|
| State | Yes | No | Years |
| MA | X | | 2002-2011 |
| RI | X | | 1970's - 2011 |
| CT | Not sure | Not sure | |
| NY | | X | |
| NJ | | X | Nearly complete - 2007 |
| DE | | X | |
| MD | X | | 2003 |
| VA | X | | 2003, 2008 |
| NC | X | | 2004, 2007, 2010 |
| SC | X | | 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008 |
| GA | X | | Early 80's, 1999, 2010 |
| FL | X | | 2001 |
| TX | | X | |
| TOTALS | 8 | 4 | |

States that agreed to participate in range-wide surveys at some predetermined interval:

All thirteen

Preferred breeding survey intervals :

| | Intervals | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| State | Annually | Every 3 yrs. | Every 5 yrs. | Every 10 yrs. | Not sure/defer to WG |
| MA | X | | | | |
| RI | | | | | X |
| CT | | X | X | | |
| NY | | X (?) | | | |
| NJ | | | X | | |
| DE | | | X | | |
| MD | | | X | X | |
| VA | | | X | | |
| NC | | X | | | |
| SC | | X | X | | |
| GA | | | X | | |
| FL | | | X | | |
| TX | | | | | X |
| TOTALS | 1 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 |

Can states include resighting effort in breeding surveys?

| State | Yes | No | Not sure |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| MA | X | | |
| RI | X | | |
| CT | X | | |
| NY | X | | |
| NJ | | | X |
| DE | X | | |
| MD | X | | |
| VA | X | | |
| NC | X | | |
| SC | X | | |
| GA | X | | |
| FL | X | | |
| TX | X | | |
| TOTALS | 12 | 0 | 1 |

**Would states able to participate in a 2013
range-wide breeding survey?**

**YES – except for NY,
which is not sure**

States' ability/willingness to partner in multi-state grant proposals that seek funding for range-wide breeding surveys:

All states agreed to serve as a partner.

| State | Need Funding? | Staff support | Equipment Needs | Logistical support | Other? | Letter of support? |
|-------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| MA | Yes | X | No resp. | boat support | Compilation of results | No resp. |
| RI | Probably | | | | | No resp. |
| CT | Probably | | | | | Unk |
| NY | Yes | | | | | Not sure |
| NJ | Yes | X | | X | | Yes |
| DE | Yes | X | Not sure | Not sure | Not sure | Yes |
| MD | Yes | Did not specify | | | | Yes |
| VA | Yes | X | Optics, boat maintenance | | Travel, fuel, misc supplies | Yes |
| NC | Yes | X | Boat maintenance | | Travel | Not necessary |
| SC | Yes | X | | | | Yes |
| GA | Yes | X | | | Boat fuel | Not necessary |
| FL | Yes | X | Boats, vehicles | X – need lots | Data entry | Yes |
| TX | Yes | Did not specify | | | | Yes |

Next steps....

Establish a planning/coordinating subcommittee(s) to:

1. Seek funding sources/draft proposals.
2. Draft Working Group letter of support to be sent to partnering agency directors.
3. Develop survey window, methods, datasheets, data repository, etc.
4. Coordinate with states to ensure their needs are met and are good to go.
5. *Other duties?*