

American Oystercatcher Tracking Project



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- Put out 6 9.5 g solar PTTs (platform transmitter terminals) on adult AMOY in NC
- Follow them for a year and record patterns of habitat use
- Create website to engage more people in AMOY



www.oystercatchertracking.org

- Short and sweet
- Very visual
- Incorporate social media
- Encourage interest in oystercatchers

- Five free birds, two migrations tracked
- Habitat use (greatest distance traveled)
 - Breeding: 1 - 4 miles
 - Post-breeding: 3.5 - 10 miles
 - Winter: 2/14 and 4/25 miles
- Improved leg loop technique
- Potential to use open-source GPS transmitters in future

- Since May, 2,174 unique visitors to website, 3,343 total visits
 - A third of visits are re-visits
- Media interest
 - About 10 articles online and in print
- A platform for communicating about other tracked AMOY

Questions?

