

2014 Atlantic and Gulf Coast American Oystercatcher Working Group Annual Meeting

28-30 October 2014

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Monday, October 27, 2014: Travel Day

1:00 pm – 6:30 pm Wilson's Plover meeting (optional)

Tuesday, October 28, 2014: AMOY Meeting

8:00 **Breakfast (off site)**

9:00 **Welcome, logistics, introduction** – Sue Heath

9:20 **Discussion of meeting agenda**

9:30 **State of AMOY recovery initiative:** Update on Working Group initiative progress and vital signs – Shiloh Schulte

10:00 **Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Plan update**

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **Repeated count surveys help standardize multi-agency estimates of American Oystercatcher abundance** – Ted Simons and Nathan Hostetter

11:15 **AMOY Rangewide Breeding Survey Redux:** Possible next steps towards making the rangewide breeding survey a reality building on the results and recommendations that have emerged from the 2013 pilot study. - Ruth Boettcher, Ted Simons.

12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:30 **AMOY Symposium at joint Waterbird Society/American Oystercatcher Working Group meeting in Bar Harbor, Maine 11 – 15 August 2015**

- 1) Updates from the meeting planning subcommittees
 - a. Meeting Logistics – Tracy Borneman
 - b. International – Stephanie Egger
 - c. Symposium and Publication – Pam Denmon
- 2) Open discussion
 - a. Symposium Theme
 - b. Participants
 - c. Fund Raising for International Travel
 - d. Working Group meeting structure

2:30 – 3:30 Breakout discussions with meeting subcommittees

3:30 **Break**

3:45 ***Fish, Swim, and Play from 50 Yards Away... (from birds nesting on islands and beaches) – Kacy Ray***

4:15 **Update: Social media and the AMOY Working Group**

4:30 **Review, revisit, and wrap**

5:00 **Adjourn**

6:30 **Dinner on site at GCBO, Texas style barbeque with trimmings, plus gumbo and vegetarian option, BYOB**

Wednesday, October 29, 2014: Meeting

8:00 **Breakfast** (off site)

9:00-12:00 **Presentations:**

9:00 **Effects of off-road vehicles on American Oystercatchers nesting at Cape Hatteras National Seashore - Tracy Borneman**

9:30 **Discussion: Analysis of genetic connectivity of the AMOY population - Shilo Felton**

10:00 **A time activity budget of American oystercatchers and investigation of factors affecting breeding adult behavior during the incubation and chick rearing periods - Amanda Anderson**

10:30	Break
10:45	AMOY and WIPL Reproductive Success in Georgia - Abby Sterling
11:15	The factors affecting daily nest and brood survival and body condition of American oystercatchers along the upper Texas Coast. - Amanda Anderson
11:45	Nest Site Selection of AMOYs on the Upper Texas Coast – Sasha Munters
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30	Mass Audubon program update – Kathy Parsons
1:45	Harnessing a Collaborative Database for Demographic Modeling of American Oystercatchers – Lindsay Addison, Shilo Felton
2:15	Database Administration – Walker Golder
2:45	TBD
3:00	Break and group photo
3:30	Discussion: AMOY Working Group next steps. Identify key priorities for the American Oystercatcher Working group for the coming year (and beyond) and form task groups to address these issues.
4:30	Wrap-up
5:00	Adjourn

Thursday, October 30, 2014: Field Trip Day

8:00AM – Meet at GCBO and travel to West Galveston Bay field site (about 50 minute drive) and tour nesting islands and dock roosts by boat, approximately 2.5-3 hrs. Return to GCBO when field trip is complete.

Optional – return via the immediate coast and bird a few areas on the way back