

An aerial photograph showing a large colony of seabirds, likely Sooty Terns, on a sandy beach. The birds are densely packed in some areas and more spread out in others, with their shadows cast long and dark on the sand. The ocean is visible on the left side of the frame.

Georgia 2020 Season

- Management Actions
- Covid – 19 impacts
- Productivity Results
- Shipwreck and Oil Spill
- Restoration projects

Management Actions



- Burn and Herbicide spoil island
- Predator control
 - removal of hogs, coyote and raccoon
- Signage & symbolic fencing
- Enforce area closures
- Nest monitoring

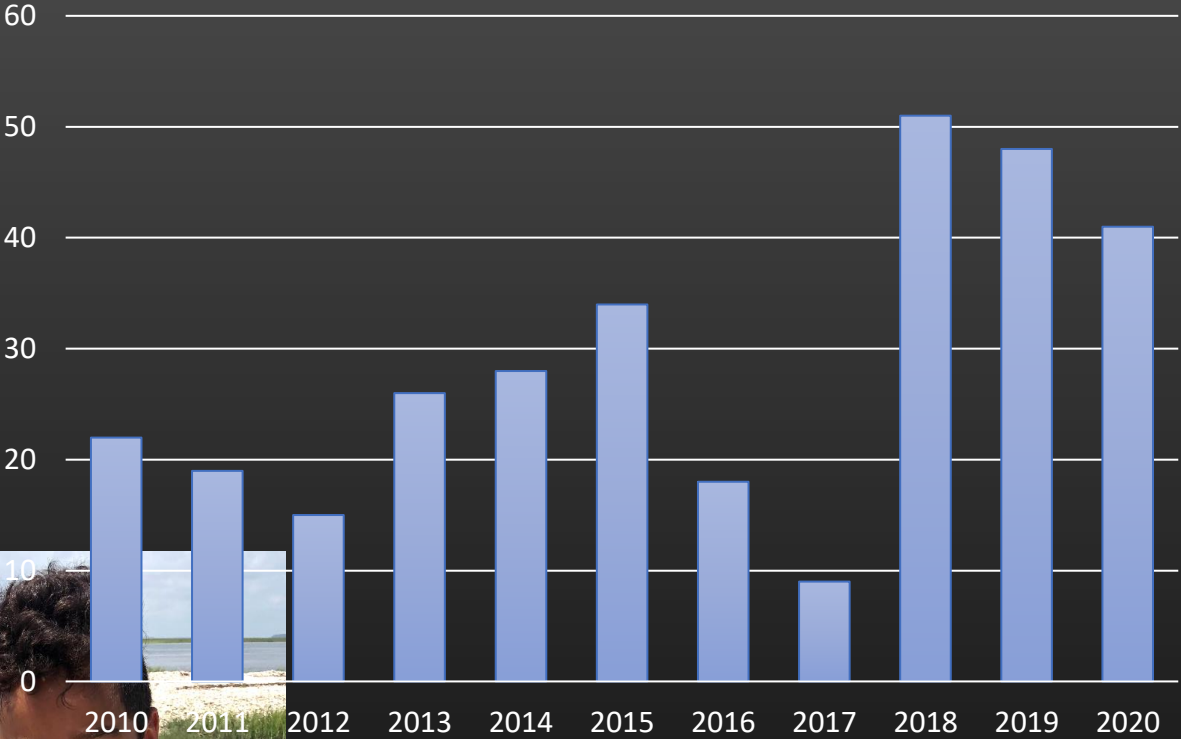


Covid-19 impacts

- Main beach closures pushed boaters to remote nesting sites
- Limited Beach Stewards program to fence and sign monitoring
 - no recruitment, training or beach outreach
- Limited ability to work closely with Turtle technicians on remote islands
- Forced involvement of school-aged children in field work

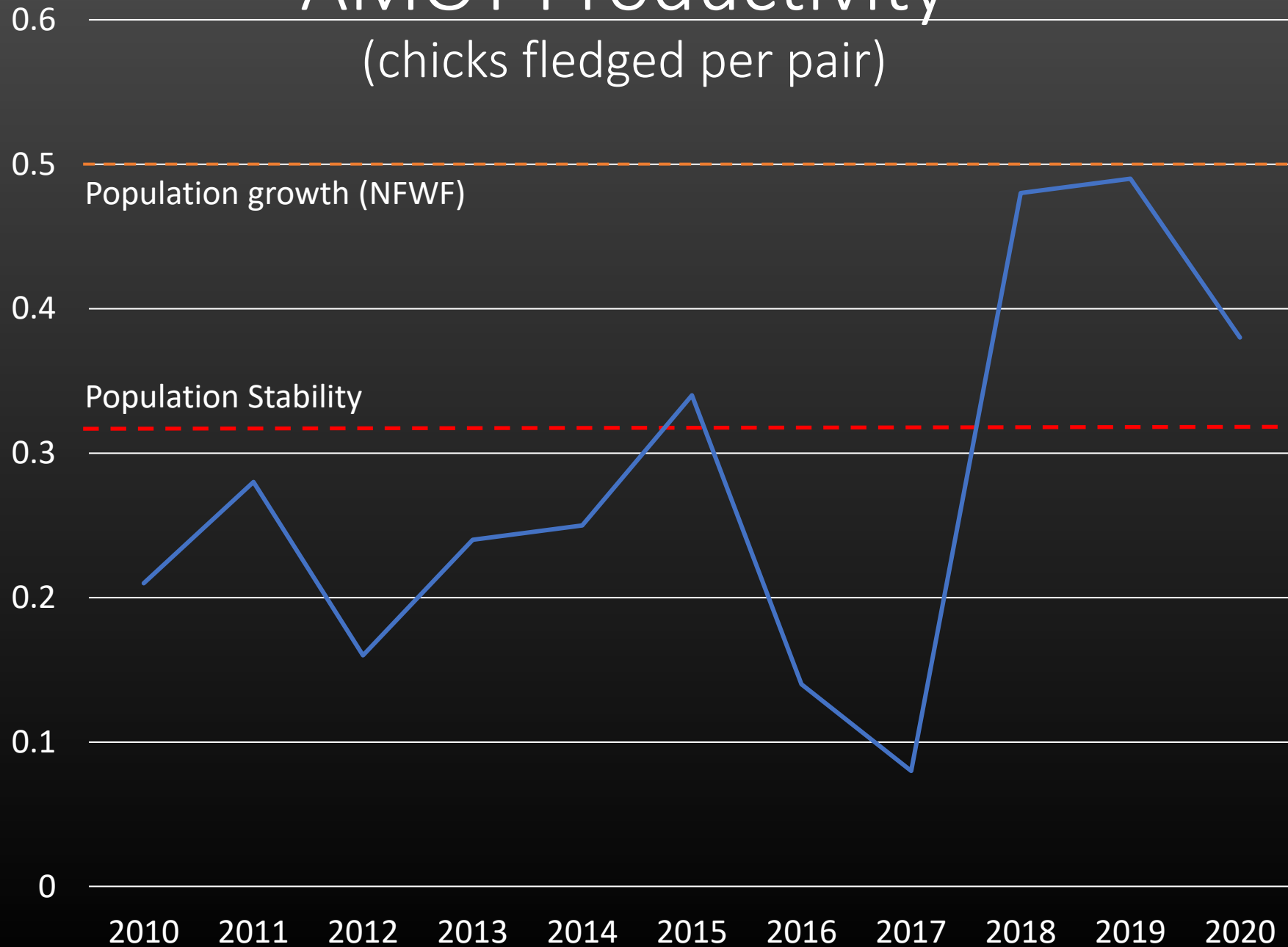


AMOY Chicks Banded by year



AMOIY Productivity

(chicks fledged per pair)



“Golden Ray” wreck, spill and removal

- Sank in fall 2019
- Multiple oil releases
- Currently cutting it into 8 slices for removal



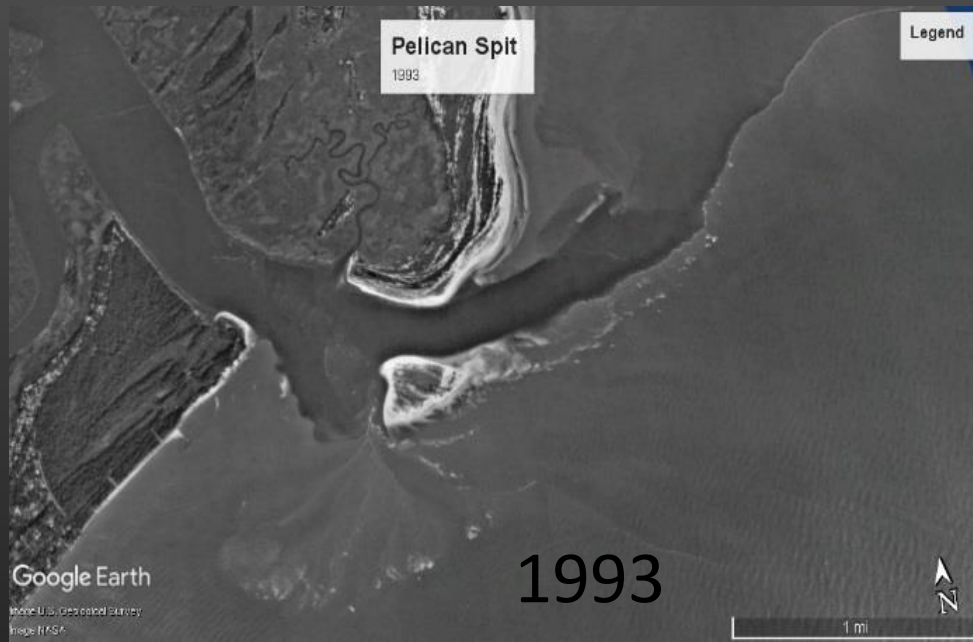
Shorebird Program response

- Insist on Booming of Bird Island
- Oiled Bird surveys
 - 23 surveys of sound
 - 17 species oiled
 - 100's of individuals
- Response to oiled birds
- Documenting oiled wrack, rakes and vegetation on roosting sites
- Directing cleanup crews where to focus efforts
- Ongoing shorebird and sparrow surveys



Restoration Planning

- Pelican Spit through time





Beach front
restoration
project

Altamaha Sound Beneficial Use Dredging Project: Shore Bird Nesting Island

