# American Oystercatcher Working Group
# 2026 Annual Meeting

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**All Times Eastern Standard**

| December 2, 2026 | |
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| 6:45 am to 7:45 am | *Optional: Oystercatcher 5K Dash* |
| 8:00 am to 8:45 am | Breakfast at Camp St. Christopher |
| 8:30 am to 9:00 am | *Optional: Log on early to say hello to your AMOY friends and colleagues* |
| 9:00 am to 9:20 am | Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:20 am to 10:15 am | Plenary: A Tale of Two Islands: The history of Captain Sams Inlet Relocation Project - *Melissa Chaplin* |
| 10:15 am to 10:30 am | 2026 Range-wide breeding season overview - *Tim Keyes* |
| 10:30 am to 10:45 am | Break/Trivia |
| 10:45 am to 11:50 am | 2026 State/Region Updates<br>*Each state/region/country to give 5-min. update* |
| 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm | Lunch and group photo |
| 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm | **Session 1: Research and Monitoring**<br>*(12 min. each + 3 min. questions)*<br>1) Lyn Brown (virtual): Diet |

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| | 2) Kate Goodenough: Foraging behavior<br>3) Felicia Sanders: Site fidelity<br>4) Mikayla Call: Integrated population modeling |
| 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm | Break/Trivia |
| 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm | **Session 2: Research and Monitoring (con't.)**<br>*(12 min. each + 3 min. questions)*<br>1) Rebecca Bracken: Texas research<br>2) Sam Collins: Marsh nesting<br>3) Coach Jackson: Indigenous youth and oyster recycling<br>4) Heidi Hanlon: Non-lethal predator management |
| 3:15pm to 3:30pm | Break/Trivia |
| 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm | **Session 3: Monitoring (con't.) and Community Engagement**<br>*(12 min. each + 3 min. questions)*<br>1) Brian Van Druten: Sonic mammal deterrents<br>2) Brooke Maslo: Game cameras<br>3) Deb Reynolds: Community-based social marketing<br>4) Amber Krauss: Community-based social marketing |
| 4:30 pm to 4:45 pm | Annual Award Ceremony |
| 4:45 pm to 5:00 pm | Wrap up and adjourn |
| TBD | Offsite Group Dinner |

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| 8:00 am to 8:45 am | Breakfast at Camp St. Christopher |

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| 8:30 am to 9:00 am | Social Time<br>*Optional: Log on early to say hello to your AMOY friends and colleagues* |
| 9:00 am to 9:10 am | Welcome back (and trivia)! |
| 9:10 am to 9:20 am | Julia Magill: Field guide to seasonal biologists |
| 9:20 am to 10:35 am | **Session 4: Latin America**<br>*(12 min. each + 3 min. questions)*<br>1) Jesús Díaz Morales: Five seasons in central Chile<br>2) Jaime Cursach and Claudio Delgado: Quinchao Bay, southern Chile<br>3) Fabiola Ruiz Concón: Aconcagua River in Concón, Chile<br>4) Karina Ávila: São Paulo State, Brazil<br>5) Luis Francisco Mendoza: Pacific American Oystercatcher in Tóbari Bay, Sonora, Mexico |
| 10:35 am to 10:50 am | Break/Trivia |
| 10:50 am to 11:35 am | Group Project Discussion: Aerial survey coordination - *Stephen and Michelle* |
| 11:35 am to 11:50 am | Introduction to Structured Decision Making - *Michelle Stantial* |
| 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm | **Session 5: Monitoring (con't.) and Habitat**<br>*(12 min. each + 3 min. questions)*<br>1) Courtney Yancy (virtual): Martha's Vineyard<br>2) Rebecca Bracken: Texas<br>3) Amanda Hackney: Texas |

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| | 4) Janell Brush: Florida<br>5) Alex Wilke: Virginia |
| 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm | Break/Trivia |
| 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm | Group Project Discussion: Birds of the World update - *Michelle Stantial* |
| 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm | Group Project Discussion: Banding manual - *Kate Goodenough* |
| 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm | Group Activity: Upcoming priorities for the AMOY Working Group |
| 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm | Wrap-up, action items, and adjourn |
| 6:30 pm | Dinner at Camp St. Christopher |
| 7:30 pm | Campfire |

**December 4, 2026**

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| 8:30 am to 11:30 am | Field Trip |

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