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Hi Sandra,  
Here is a summary of the data I have on WIPLs at CLNS and CHNS.  
Cape Hatteras  
Ocracoke Island - 0 in 1989; 2 pairs in 2004  
Hatteras Island - 3 pairs, 1 territorial male, 1 individual in 1989; 0 pairs  
in 2004

Cape Lookout  
North Core Banks - 36 pairs, 4 individuals in 1989; 24 pairs in 2004  
South Core Banks - 35 pairs, 3 individuals in 1989; 20 pairs, 1 individual  
in 2004  
Shackleford Banks - 32 pairs in 1989; 17 pairs, 1 individual in 2004

The 1989 count was incomplete for Shackleford Banks and Lower Core  
Banks so  
there may have been additional pairs that were missed that year.  
Obviously  
there have been declines since the 1989 survey.

We counted a total of 232 pairs of Wilson's plovers along the entire coast in 2004. Cape Lookout is very important to our state's population of breeding Wilson's plovers and supported 26% of the population in 2004.

Finally, I looked at the Texas report on Wilson's plovers and could find no guidance on buffer zones for closures. I've included a copy of the report fyi. I think this work has continued in 2004 and 2005 as well. I would recommend contacting Margo Zdravkovic directly. She is with National Audubon and has done a lot of work on Wilson's plovers. She may have suggestions or know of publications that might help (mzdravkovic@audubon.org). Please let me know if you need anything else.

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