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Thayer-

There probably won't be anything in the files on this. I'm not sure if this happened while I was on annual leave (or soon after my return) but I did look into it as soon as I heard about it. Audiva, Shiloh's tech, had a transmitter on an AMOY chick inside of a closure. I'm not sure if she monitored all chicks with a transmitter on a daily basis. Our bio-techs usually just noted presence/absence of the chicks and documented if they were outside of or near a closure boundary. I don't recall who informed me of the rumor that a turtle bio-tech had run over an AMOY chick with an ATV. I know that I talked to Adriana who had been the one conducting turtle patrol in the area before the chick was found and asked if she could tell me anything about the incident. Apparently she was made aware of the incident when Audiva told her that she had run over a chick. When I asked Audiva about it she said the dead chick was not in the tire tracks but near it. She didn't take any pictures of the location where the chick was found or of the tracks. By the time I was made aware of the incident we couldn't look into it any further. I don't think Audiva documented any broken bones on the chick (I never saw her notes) but I do know that she thought Adriana was responsible for the death. I know that after we looked into the incident that I had Doug McGee call Shiloh to make sure that the death of this chick was not attributed to the ATV as in my mind the cause of death was undetermined.

You won't find any written notes in our files on this as most of the discussions occurred in person (or on the telephone).

Britta

On Dec 19, 2007 11:32 AM, <Thayer_Broili@nps.gov> wrote:

Abra,

One of the requests made in the FOIA request related to the current court suit is for any records regarding or related to "...the death of an American Oystercatcher chick that was found next to a vehicle tire track at the Seashore in 2007". Do you (or do the Buxton files) have any info. on thi?. Please check it out as best you can and let Cyndy Holda know if we have anything on this. Copy cc.s on response.

Britta,

If you're aware of anything on the subject, please also let us know.

Thanks and happy holidays!

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