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**Cc:** [Doug McGee](#); [Thayer Broili](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: CAHA Species Management Table  
**Date:** 02/24/2009 09:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [CAHA Species Mgmt Matrix Proposal #2.02.20.09.WRC comments.doc](#)

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Thanks Britta. It would be helpful if Abra could map all the PIPL and AMOY nests for the past ten years, since it would help us "visualize" the implications of the 10 year nesting history. Use a 75 m buffer for all nests.

My reaction to Walker's proposed monitoring requirement for PIPL nests if the buffer is less than 75 m (i.e., must observe at least 50 passersby and increase buffer if even one causes disturbance) is that we would simply use a minimum 75 m buffer most of the time (to avoid the extra monitoring), except in the most unusual circumstances if we thought a lesser buffer was really, really, really worth the effort (I can't think of a circumstances where it would be). Note: FWS also expressed reservations about the adequacy of a 50 m buffer in the southern end of the PIPL breeding range, although they have thus far been non-directive about how to address it.

Please be thinking about a counter-proposal to 10 years. Our measures generally go with 3 years of nesting history. Walker and others have expressed concern that for some species the past three years represent the lowest nesting ever, so that our approach would be a minimalist approach. Would 5 years be better for birds than 3 years history (and better than 10 years for us and for visitors)? My thinking is that if we thoroughly protect key Resource Areas (not necessarily all suitable habitat for all species) there will be an adequate amount of suitable habitat (however that is defined), birds will nest successfully and increase in numbers, then the number and size of prenesting areas may will grow/increase over time as the populations expands.

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Mike-

I am working on comments on the Species Management Table and will have them to you by Weds. This proposal is extremely protective of nesting shorebirds and am not surprised that David Allen (and more than likely FWS) did not have a problem with it. If pre-nesting closures are required for all nesting shorebirds/waterbirds for the last decade a very large portion of the Seashore will be closed to recreation from March-July. Ramp 4 south, Ramps 27, 30, 34, 44, 45, Hatteras Inlet east of the overwash, , Ramps 59, 67, 72 south would all be closed. Let me know if you would like Abra to prepare a map of all PIPL/AMOU nests for the last 10 years. If you want buffers around the nests then let me know buffer size as well. She would not be able to do this for CWB since we do not have GIS data for the colonies prior to 2007. I think her new computer is up and running.

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Please see my comments on the attachment. Inclusion of WIPL within the AMOY column is acceptable, but there are still a few outstanding issues. Some are actually less onerous on the Park

> [Original Message]

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> Pete B. and Dave A.,

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> See revised table submitted by Walker. I've asked NPS natural resource staff to review it and provide comments. Can FWS and WRC accept it (i.e., support it) as revised, or do you have any changes that must be made before you could accept it?

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> (Dave A. - Note that Walker included Wilson's plover in the same column as AMOY. Does this adequately address your concern previously expressed to me?)

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> Subject

> CAHA Species Management Table

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> Attached please find the revisions to the species management table that I  
> spoke of during our meetings this week. Our proposal is contingent upon  
> implementation of resource protection measures in this table.  
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> (See attached file: CAHA Species Mgmt\_Matrix\_Proposal #2.02.20.09.doc)



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