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Greetings, Kris, Dennis and Mike;

Please circulate this information to appropriate staff at CAHA and Pea Island NWR.

During Jan-Feb 2010 fifty-seven Piping Plovers were color marked on three islands in The Bahamas. Kindly keep an eye out for these birds during the spring and fall migration and the breeding season. Sightings, including those about which the observer is uncertain (note: there a very few color-banded Piping Plovers in the Atlantic population so one with a black flag is likely from The Bahamas), may be reported per the instructions below.

Additional information and pictures of The Bahamas Plovers may be found in the CVWO at First Landing blog of February 24, 2010 by visiting www.cvwo.org .

PIPING PLOVERS COLOR-MARKED IN THE BAHAMAS – In an effort to determine where Piping Plovers wintering in The Bahamas are staging during migration, and breeding, 57 birds were uniquely color-marked this winter in The Bahamas for Environment Canada by Sidney Maddock and Peter Doherty, with help from The Bahamas National Trust. Each bird has a black flag (band with a tab sticking out slightly) on the upper left leg, nothing on the upper right, a single color band on one lower leg, and two color bands (which can be the same color on top of each other) on the other lower leg. Colors used included: red, orange, yellow, white, light green, dark green, dark blue, and black. Please report all sightings to **CHERI GRATTO-TREVOR**, Prairie and Northern Wildlife Research Centre, Environment Canada, 115 Perimeter Road, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X4 Canada (EM: cheri.gratto-trevor@ec.gc.ca), noting the color and location of each band on the bird, and location and behaviour of the bird (on nest or brood, foraging at migratory stop-over, etc.), as well as presumed sex of the bird, if possible. Thanks for any assistance!

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