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Kevin,  
We appreciate your continued interest in the bird breeding activities and access to Cape Point.

You asked "why the Point area was still closed so late in the season" but actually records indicate that, in the 2009 season, it was July 17 before the east side of Cape Point reopened to pedestrians and then, two weeks later on July 29, the east side of Cape Point reopened to ORV traffic. I can understand why, in human terms, it may feel like a long time to wait for an area to reopen but it is not yet "late" compared to last season. We will reopen to pedestrians just as soon as possible.

We still have one American Oystercatcher chick from the "bypass" brood that has not flown a sustained 30 meter flight pattern. This chick was one of three in a brood; two of the chicks have fledged but the remaining chick (who was smaller by weight) evidently needs a little more time. In addition, slightly to the west of Cape Point is another AMOY brood that move back and forth into the area. We anticipate the last, small chick from the "bypass" brood will fully fledge soon, if all goes well. Rest assured the area is monitored daily by NPS staff.

The bio techs advise that it is possible that the AMOYs you are seeing with the green bands near the jetties are the same birds that nested north of Buxton and lost their nest to predation. The pair are now scraping west of Ramp 45 but it is unknown if they will successfully nest this season. The pair have bounced around quite a bit from north of Buxton to west of Ramp 45, and therefore, the jetty location is on "their usual route."

I hope this information is helpful to you.

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Subject Point Access and Jetties

Hello Cyndy, Thanks for your update and information. I have been bombarded by questions about the Point the last few days. There is a large amount of people at the southern enclosure at ramp 44 asking why there is not more access south. We were down there on and off the last several days and saw absolutely nothing according to the guidelines and buffers of the consent decree that should have that beach closed.....especially for pedestrians. I did see oystercatchers at the jetties very early yesterday morning again. One had a green band. I have also been catering to two biologists and lots of company. The one biologist was checking out the community of sea life attached to the jetty and rocks which has more growth on them then I have seen in decades. Very interesting. The other was looking at our maritime forest birds. However, she too asked about why the Point area was still closed so late in the season after viewing the birds out by the Cape Point pond. We both said we miss watching everything from behind the enclosures like the old days. She found it interesting that this has been the flattest ocean (no storms, washover, or swell action) we have seen in the spring and summer season in at least 40 years. I would bet that is why there is more growth on the jetty and the shorebirds had a better year. Anyway, if you get any information on these issues please forward to me so I can pass it on. Thanks Again, Kevin Mc Cabe