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Sounds good to me.

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We should compare it to alts A/B, no?

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RE: alt F PIPL

Doug,

That is likely somewhat of a holdover from when we had floating closures. I think it would be accurate to edit the sentence to discuss the year-round VFAs and the less disturbed areas provided, but not compare it to alternative D. Does that sound like an accurate edit to make here?

Lori

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From: Doug\_Wetmore@nps.gov [mailto:Doug\_Wetmore@nps.gov]  
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This is from the FEIS 1st internal draft:

Management of Wintering/Nonbreeding Populations. Management of wintering/nonbreeding populations of piping plover under alternative F would be similar to the measures described under alternative C, except nonbreeding shorebird SMAs would not be established. Under alternative F the numerous VFAs, shown on the maps in chapter 2, would provide for additional areas for nonbreeding species to utilize. Also, an annual habitat assessment would be conducted at the points and spits after all birds have fledged from the area. Prior to removing the prenesting closures, resource closures would be established in the most sensitive portions of nonbreeding shorebird habitat in these areas, based on habitat used by winter piping plovers in more than one (i.e., two or more) of the past five years. People and pets would be prohibited within these closures.

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These measures would result in long-term moderate beneficial impacts to nonbreeding piping plover that would be GREATER THAN THOSE UNDER THE OTHER ACTION ALTERNATIVES as MORE AREA would be protected for nonbreeding piping plovers.

As I read it, the capitalized text indicates that there is more protection of wintering birds under alternative F than under alternative D, because there is more protected area. I don't think that's true...

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