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Subject: RE: Piping Plover data for Anne Hecht (USFWS)
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Britta,

Thank you very much for this information on the Piping Plovers at Cape Hatteras NS this year. Once I hear about the fate of the last chick, I'll put the data in the overall table for Anne. She will be happy to hear about these numbers!

Best wishes,
Sara

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Sara-
During the census window we had 13 pairs and 1 single bird.

Our "best estimate" for the number of pairs for the seashore in 2011 is 15 breeding pairs, the highest number for the Seashore since we started closely documenting pairs in 1992. The difference between the census window total and the breeding year total is due to the fact that the second pair at Bodie only showed up after the census window and the single bird on Ocracoke found a mate (and scraped a lot) but a nest was never found for them.

Bodie Island-2 pairs
Cape Point -5 pairs
South Beach-1 pair
North Ocracoke-2 pairs (only 1 pair nested)
South Ocracoke-5 pairs

It is still too early to calculate productivity. At present we have fledged 10 chicks but still have 1 (single chick) brood on the ground at Bodie Spit that is 18 days old as of 8/4. At present our productivity is 0.67 and if we fledge this last chick it will be 0.73.

Since I will be out of town from Aug 5-22, I will have Mike Piatak contact you with the information as to whether or not the last chick fledges. Only then will we be able to know the final productivity for the seashore for this breeding season.

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Hi Britta,

I received a request from Anne Hecht to get our (North Carolina's) data on Piping Plovers summarized and sent to her by early August (a draft).

For Cape Hatteras NS, is it correct that there were 11 pairs (?# individual

PIPL?) during the census window, 1-9 June? I don't have a number of pairs present over the entire season ("best estimate"), the number of individuals present during the entire nesting season, or the number of chicks that fledged. The estimate of productivity will be the number of chicks that fledged divided by the best estimate of number of nesting pairs.

Thanks a million for helping me compile this information for Anne.

Best wishes,
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