

[from Fall 2007]

Refuge Has Another Successful Piping Plover Season

The 2007 Piping Plover season on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge has been completed. An estimated 101 pairs nested on the Refuge's Islands. These islands include Assateague, Assawoman, and sections of Cedar and Metompkin. From those pairs 110 chicks were successfully monitored and achieved flight.

As of September 4th at noon all areas, including ORV zone, The Hook (area south of old Coast Guard Station), Assawoman, and Metompkin will be open for the public's recreation.

Refuge staff, along with four interns, participated in monitoring the Refuge's Piping Plover population seven days a week during the breeding season. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Biology staff monitored Plover activity on Metompkin and Cedar Islands. The Refuge would like to thank this year's successful results to all those involved for their hard work and to the public for their continued understanding.

For any further questions, please contact the Administrative office at 757 – 336 – 6122.