

PIPING PLOVER MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2000 – 2015

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Goal: Increase the abundance of piping plovers and the number and quality of nesting sites in Maine.

Population Objective: Increase the number of nesting pairs of piping plovers to at least 80 distributed at all available sites in at least 3 of the prior 5 years by 2015.

Nesting Habitat Objective 1: Maintain nesting, and the integrity of nesting habitat, at the 23 active nesting sites (Table 6 of the Assessment) used by piping plovers between 1997-1999.

Nesting Habitat Objective 2: Increase the number of successful nest sites by 5 in at least 3 of the prior 5 years through 2015.

Nesting Habitat Objective 3: Develop long term, non-regulatory habitat protection via management agreements, conservation easements, or acquisition for 10 nesting sites by 2015.

Productivity Objective: Increase the statewide average annual productivity of piping plovers to 2.0 fledged chicks per nesting female in at least 3 of the prior 5 years through 2015.

Outreach Objective 1: By 2004, develop with partners, an outreach plan containing measurable objectives to increase awareness and promote stewardship of nesting piping plovers in Maine.

Outreach Objective 2: Develop and implement a landowner assistance and recognition program by 2004.