



OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLANS

DIVISION 105

WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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Definitions

As used in the Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program¹:

- (1) "Western Snowy Plover" means the subspecies *Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*.
- (2) "Conservation" means the use of methods and procedures necessary to bring a species to the point at which the measures provided under the Threatened or Endangered Wildlife Species Act (ORS 496.172, 496.176, 496.182) are no longer necessary.
- (3) "Suitable habitat" means flat, open areas on sandy coastal beaches, sand spits at coastal river outlets, dune-backed coastal beaches, coastal dredged-material disposal sites, and flats east of coastal foredunes that become exposed as deflation plain dry ponds.

¹The Commission adopted the *Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program* on May 18, 1994. Copies of the Conservation Program are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Statutory Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Stats Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

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Purpose

The Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program provides overall direction for the protection and conservation of the western snowy plover in Oregon.

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Program Objectives

The objectives of the Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program are to:

- (1) Summarize biological information about the western snowy plover over its range and in Oregon with which to determine research needs and propose management actions;
- (2) Propose management actions including, but not limited to, systematic habitat and annual population monitoring of the western snowy plover and development of site-specific management plans;
- (3) Coordinate and share information with federal and state agencies and other states;
- (4) Propose recovery criteria;
- (5) Foster public understanding of the western snowy plover, its status, and the factors that influence its survival and recovery; and
- (6) Prepare for post-recovery management.

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Program Implementation

(1) The Department will prepare a series of individual site-specific management plans in cooperation with land management agencies to address immediate survival needs and longer term sustained recovery of the western snowy plover.

(2) Pursuant to ORS 496.182(2), state agencies shall consult and cooperate with the Department to determine whether or not proposed actions are consistent with the Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program before authorizing or providing direct financial assistance for any action on land owned or leased by the state, or for which the state holds a recorded easement;

(a) When a site-specific management plan exists, the proposed action and ongoing actions shall be consistent with the plan and the Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program;

(b) On lands containing suitable habitat over which the state has legal jurisdiction within the following beach areas, when no site-specific management plan exists, the action agency in consultation with the Department shall determine whether or not the proposed action has the potential to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the western snowy plover:

- (A) Columbia River -- Necanicum River;
- (B) Nehalem Spit;
- (C) Bayocean Spit;
- (D) Netarts Spit;
- (E) Sand Lake Spit;
- (F) Nestucca Spit;
- (G) Neskowin Beach;
- (H) Siletz Spit;
- (I) South Beach, Newport;
- (J) Alsea Spit;
- (K) Heceta Head -- Siuslaw River;
- (L) Siuslaw River -- Siltcoos River;
- (M) Siltcoos River -- Tahkenitch;
- (N) Tahkenitch -- Threemile;
- (O) Threemile -- Umpqua River;
- (P) Umpqua River -- Tenmile Spit;
- (Q) Tenmile Spit;
- (R) Tenmile Creek -- Horsfall Road;
- (S) Horsfall Road -- Coos Bay;
- (T) Whiskey Run -- Coquille River (Bullards Beach);
- (U) Bandon State Park -- New River;
- (V) New River -- Floras Lake;
- (W) Euchre Creek; and
- (X) Pistol River.

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Program Review

The Commission shall periodically review the Western Snowy Plover Conservation Program and, if necessary, update the objectives and management strategies of the Program.

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