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DCR Recreational Advisory: Coastal Beaches

WHAT: During the summer months, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is reminding beachgoers that DCR's coastal beaches are home to Piping Plovers, a bird species that is listed under both the Massachusetts and Federal Endangered Species Acts. The Piping Plover receives special protection to prevent harm. Beachgoers should stay outside of roped off areas on agency beaches, keep dogs off beaches from April 1 through September 15, and be respectful of this important endangered species.

Beach users should remain well away from these fenced off areas and keep recreational activities outside and away from nesting areas. Permitted groups have been directed to use specific areas of DCR beaches and should remain in those areas.

Piping Plovers have been identified at the following DCR beaches: Salisbury, Sandy Point, Newburyport, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Lovell's Island, Pleasure Bay, Carson, Malibu, Wollaston, Nantasket, Ellisville, Scusset, West Island, Demarest Lloyd, Horseneck, Washburn Island, South Cape Beach, Crosby Landing, Joseph Sylvia state beaches and reservations.

WHERE: DCR coastal beaches

WHEN: Summer 2025

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