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Subject: Re: Duxbury Beach Reservation COI Emergency Amendment Request

Dear Brynna -- By way of this email, and in accordance with the emergency provisions of the Statewide Piping Plover Habitat Conservation Plan (the "HCP"), Conservation & Management Permit 018-323.DFW (the "CMP") for Duxbury Beach is hereby amended to authorize:

- two (2) additional Piping Plover take exposures, to bring the total authorized exposures to twelve (12),
- coir logs, wattles (≥ 9 " diameter), and hay bales for use as barriers, and
- an additional mitigation procedure: management of essential vehicle traffic to and from the Plymouth communities of Gurnet and Saquish in sections of beach where there is no recreational traffic.

All other terms and conditions of the CMP remain in effect, including the required impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation procedures described in the "Piping Plover Habitat Conservation Plan Certificate of Inclusion Request, Duxbury Beach," dated March 2018, and the "Massachusetts Habitat Conservation Plan for Piping Plover, Request for Amended Certificate of Inclusion, Duxbury Beach," dated March 2020, and incorporated by reference into the CMP. The Certificate of Inclusion (the "COI") related to Incidental Take Permit No. TE01281C-0 remains in effect, and this email is hereby incorporated into said COI.

This amendment is being issued in response to an "Emergency Request for Additional Take Exposure", dated June 12, 2020. An appropriate level of mitigation, as described in the June 12 submission, must be implemented as a result of the approved increase in take exposures.

Although your request has been posted for public comment, note that the HCP does not require MassWildlife to wait until the conclusion of the normal 15 day public comment period prior to acting on an emergency CMP/COI request.

Best,
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