



# **Emergency Amendments for 2025/2026 to Duxbury Beach Reservation's Certificate of Inclusion for Duxbury Beach**

## **June 2025**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The proposed amendments aim to improve recreational access to Duxbury Beach and provide greater flexibility in managing take exposures. They clarify management actions for nests near crossovers with OSV activity and for broods found without a known nest, offering guidance to ensure timely and appropriate responses as new information emerges.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:** The following sections are from the approved Duxbury Beach Reservation 2024-2026 COI permit and are proposed for amendment.

### **MESA Review Checklist & Application Cover Page**

- Under "Requested Covered Activities for Piping Plover," revise the allocation of take exposures to allow greater flexibility across individual activities, while keeping the total number of requested takes at 24.
  - Use of Roads and Parking Lots: From 17 to 24
  - Recreation and Beach Operations: From 5 to 24
  - OSV Use in Vicinity: From 4 to 8

### **Section 4.1.2.1 Recreation and Beach Operations Associated with Reduced Symbolic Fencing Around Nests**

- Under the "Impact Minimization" subheading, page 59.
  - Add the paragraph
    - If a nest is discovered within 50 meters of a crossover during the laying period after the crossover has already opened for the day, no additional OSVs will be permitted to enter. OSVs already on the beach may remain until the crossover closes, but if they exit, re-entry will not be allowed.
- Under the "Monitoring" subheading, pages 59 and 60 add the paragraph
  - If a nest is discovered within 50 meters of a crossover while the drive-on beach is open, DBR will conduct four 15-minute checks throughout the day to monitor for disturbance or signs of abandonment. Observations will be documented in the covered activity notes section of the nest check records.