

TEMPORARY MOBILE SPORT FISHING VEHICLE ADVISORY

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK

Piping Plovers, an endangered species of shorebird, have nested in Island Beach State Park's Southern Natural Area. Under federal law, the Plover is listed as "threatened" and as such, IBSP is required to close this area to vehicle traffic when the eggs are expected to hatch. Consequently, a section of beach south of the A23 entrance to the jetty will temporarily be closed to vehicle traffic beginning Thursday, June 30. Foot traffic is allowed unless otherwise posted. No dogs are allowed in the closed area at any time. The A23 access will be open north to the A7 access. The NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife has placed protective fencing around the nest to keep it safe from predators, such as seagulls and fox. The closed area is clearly marked with warning signs and posts.

Mobile Sport Fishing Vehicles (MSFVs) will be afforded the maximum amount of beach allowed by Federal Law. There will be 4.5 miles of beach still open for MSFVs. The Gillikins MSFV entrance is open and not affected by the temporary closing.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that due to the temporary closure, IBSP may reach its capacity of MSFVs sooner than normal. Should this be the case, IBSP will close to MSFVs. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the next generation of New Jersey's shorebirds has a safe and successful start on our beach.

