LEAST TERN MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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Population

➢ Viability in source versus sink population.

➢ Beach nourishment could increase the carrying capacity of beaches to support nesting least terns.

Threats/Limiting Factors

➢ Balance recreational use with habitat needs of the birds.

➢ Dogs/enforceable leash law.

➢ Predation.

➢ Municipal vehicles on beaches.

➢ Other limiting factors we don’t understand (food, etc.).

➢ Development pressures/habitat loss.

➢ Army Corps of Engineers projects.

➢ Threats to NRPA dune laws.

➢ Sea level rise.

Management

➢ Need for state park management plans.

➢ Dialogue among other managers on the east coast.

➢ Management issues are more complex as we become more successful in increasing populations.

➢ Conflicting state and federal policies and missions.

➢ Private property/landowner rights issues.
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**Needs/Research**

- Additional research on least tern diet, survival, etc.
- Lack of funding/inadequate management.
- Greater public outreach.
- Landowner recognition.