

2022 BPA/GPUD Avian Monitoring Report

07/18 – 07/24/2022

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTIVITIES	DATE
Survey of site in McNary Pool above the Snake River confluence	07/18
Survey of sites in Potholes Reservoir	07/20
UPCOMING EVENTS	
PIT-tag recovery on Foundation Island	07/25-07/31
PIT-tag recovery on Island 20	07/25-07/31

This is the last weekly report for the 2022 field season. Our efforts have transitioned to PIT-tag recovery and identifying peak counts from drone and aerial imagery. Summaries of PIT-tag recoveries and peak nest and individual counts will be available in our upcoming 2022 Annual Report.

COLONY MONITORING & WATERBIRD SURVEYS

McNary Pool above the Snake River Confluence: Site visited on July 18.

Island 20

Water levels have continued to recede, and the island was vacant of all gulls (*Figure 1*). PIT-tag recovery on the northern and southern gull nesting colonies will be carried out in the coming weeks.



Figure 1. Vacant southern nesting colony on July 18, 2022.

Potholes Reservoir: Site visited on July 20.

Goose Island

Water levels have continued to recede, exposing more shoreline habitat on Goose Island. 45 Caspian terns (42 adults, 3 fledglings) were observed on the South Spit shoreline (*Figure 2*). These were the first tern fledglings observed on Goose Island in 2022. It is unclear if the fledglings

were raised on Goose Island or came from a nearby colony, since they were all capable of flight.

No piscivorous waterbirds were observed at colonies in North Potholes Reservoir (2016 colony, NE Potholes, and North Potholes).



Figure 2. Caspian terns and fledgling on Goose Island on July 20, 2022.