David Bidwell
Assistant Professor, Marine Affairs
ORE Social Science Research at URI

• MAF & ENRE (CELS); CRC (GSO); Harrington (A&S)
• More than $1 million in external funding
• At least 18 grad, 7 undergrad students engaged
• 8 peer-reviewed journal articles since 2017
• Topics: tourism; rental prices; recreational and commercial fishing; boating; public attitudes
• Time to broaden from BIWF to wider industry
Kate Venturini
Extension Program Administrator
Energy Fellows Program

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Peter Paton
Professor, Dept. of Natural Resources Science
Peter Paton & Scott McWilliams,
Department of Natural Resources Science, URI
RI Ocean SAMP – Aerial and boat-based surveys

Density Surface Model (DSM) – Common Loon (includes environmental covariates)

Population Estimate
Winter – 7,428 Individuals

Winiarski, Miller, Paton, McWilliams. 2013. Marine Ecology Progress Series 492:273-283
Telemetry: winter habitat

Composite winter range

Research Article

Habitat Use and Selection of Black Scoters in Southern New England and Siting of Offshore Wind Energy Facilities

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Modelled flight paths of Piping Plovers in 2017, Blue = RI, Red = MA