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CONTINUED REMOVAL EFFORTS AT BILLINGTON SEA

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PLYMOUTH, MA – On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) returned to Billington Sea to continue their assessment and collection of deceased and sick birds, as well as reassess the pond's ice conditions. With the warmer temperatures, MassWildlife staff successfully and safely removed a total of 71 waterfowl from the Baker Road area of Billington Sea. **As of today, state officials have safely collected all visible deceased waterfowl on Billington Sea.**

State officials plan to return to Plymouth early next week to reassess the condition of any sick and deceased birds, as well as the surrounding environmental factors. In the meantime, the Town will continue working with state officials to address any additional deceased waterfowl that may need to be collected from Billington Sea before the reassessment. **Below are current removal numbers of deceased wildlife since January 18, 2025:**

Dates	State Removal
January 18 th	55
January 28 th	12
January 29 th	71
Total as of January 29, 2025	138

Dates	Number of Calls Received	Town of Plymouth Removal
January 18 th to January 27 th	202 calls	32 (29 birds & 3 wildlife)
January 28 th	17 calls	4 birds
January 29 th	9 calls	2 birds
Total as of January 29, 2025	228	38

Town and state officials continue to advise the community of personal protective measures that include but are not limited to:

- Keeping all domestic animals away from any deceased birds/wildlife and to avoid contacting deceased wildlife themselves.
- Removal of deceased birds or other wildlife should be left to Town and state officials.
- All backyard poultry should be corralled for the foreseeable future and **not** let to roam free range.
- Residents who have poultry should always use protective gear when dealing with their flock (feeding, shoveling feces, etc.) and should wash their hands well with soap and warm water after handling.

If you discover a deceased animal, either domestic or wild, residents should report to the Town's Health and Human Services Public Health Division by calling 508-322-3339 and to the Animal Control Office by calling 508-888-1186.

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