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CONTINUED REMOVAL EFFORTS AT BILLINGTON SEA

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PLYMOUTH, MA – The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) returned to Billington Sea on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, to continue their assessment of deceased and sick birds, as well as the pond's ice conditions. During Tuesday's reassessment, MassWildlife safely removed a total of 12 deceased waterfowl from Billington Sea.

Due to ice conditions, state officials are still unable to safely remove many of the birds on the frozen Billington Sea, but they will continue to monitor and collect as weather and ice conditions allow. MassWildlife plans to return to Plymouth tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29, 2025 to collect deceased birds in the area by Baker Road.

Below are current removal numbers of deceased wildlife since January 18, 2025:

Dates	State Removal
January 18 th	55
January 28 th	12
Total as of January 28, 2025	67

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
Total as of January 28, 2025	219	36

Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 12:00 pm, Public Health Director Karen Keane will be hosting a live Q&A via Zoom to answer questions regarding bird flu.

Information on how to join the live Zoom Q&A will be shared on both the Town's website and social media channels.

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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