

11. Shorebird nesting, feeding, and staging areas. High or moderate value shorebird nesting, feeding, and staging areas, and a 250 foot wide zone surrounding those areas, are significant wildlife habitats. Shorebird species include the members of the families Scolopacidae, Charadriidae, and Haematopodidae, including, but not limited to, sandpipers and plovers. A complete list of species is provided in the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) procedures for classifying significant shorebird habitat. An activity that takes place in, on, over, or adjacent to a high and moderate value shorebird nesting, feeding, and staging area habitat must meet the standards of this chapter. High and moderate value shorebird habitats subject to this chapter are depicted on a GIS data layer maintained by IF&W and available from either IF&W or the department. To date, IF&W has not adopted a definition of nesting area habitat, and therefore no criteria are presently included in this regulation.