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Dear Fellow Members:

The Club has voted to ask each Member and all of the participants of the Tournament to contact their Congressmen asking that the National Park Service develop and maintain immediately a plan for dune preservation on Cape Hatteras Island.

Many of you are aware of the change in policy of the National Park Service; and their decision to do nothing toward dune preservation. This policy is a complete change of attitude and a direct breach of promise made by the Director of the National Park Service in 1952. He stated in an Open Letter To The People Of The Outer Banks the following: " On the ocean side of the towns, the new, approved boundary lines include in the Recreational Area only those lands along the ocean which are necessary to protect and control the sand dunes; to re-establish them when necessary, and hold them to protect the Communities from its intrusion of the ocean. The National Park Service intends to resume the sand fixation work that it started in the 1930's and more firmly establish the dunes."

Their advocacy of " oceanic overwash " or do nothing attitude will surely lead to the end of all our piscatorial functions. Many of you remember the problems involved in 1962 when an inlet was cut between Avon and Buxton. A four hour ferry boat ride seemed ridiculous to get from Avon to Buxton. The same (four hours) to get from Buxton to Hatteras will also seem absurd; but this is very possible if some type of preservation measures are not pursued immediately.

A note from you to your Representative in Washington, asking him or her to contact and help Representative Walter Jones from the 1st. Congressional District or Congresswoman Julia B. Hansen, who is Chairman of an important Sub-committee, will be most effective at this time.

Please help us in our fight to keep Cape Hatteras as a paradise for vacationers, a place for relaxation and most of all, a place where fishermen can come to enjoy all that Cape Hatteras has to offer; including the friendship of it's Islanders.

Sincerely yours;

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