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Bi-Weekly Conference Call – Draft Agenda
Jan. 11, 2005
CAHA Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS

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"Wings Over Water" - Now
Conversion study? ←

Question if research done

GIS info

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EQD

*AREAS of focus:
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 - ii. ADA/Wilderness research – Michael
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 - iv. CZMA/CAMA – Michael
 - v. Migratory Bird Act & ORV's - Sandy
-] not reviewed yet*

2. New Research items

- a. RS-2477 - EQD *ROW Mining Act 1872*

3. Comments on Statement of Qualifications, Interest, and Availability to the Park/Timeline

- a. Sherri
 - b. Park
 - c. EQD
- REG-NEG PROCESS
compose w/ GOGA*

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- EQD - [1/31] - Draft to Park 2/18
[March 1]*

5. Other

- 6. Next call Jan. 25, 9:30 am eastern

Reminder - cc Mary Doll on all emails to Jeff, cc Lori Gutman on all emails to Dana

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CAHA ORV Draft agenda 1.11.05 ...

Hi folks,

Please find attached the draft agenda for the bi-weekly CAHA conference call.

As always, the call in number is 1-877-952-2530, passcode 139595

Also, for your reading pleasure, the following link is from FIIS and contains many of the reg-neg documents from their ORV rulemaking.
<http://www.nps.gov/fiis/negreg/negreglist.htm> See especially, "Prospects for Building Consensus on FIIS"

(See attached file: CAHA ORV Draft agenda 1.11.05 conference call.doc)

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1. nothing
2. Outer Banks Chamber - con. - No
3. OBPA visitor use survey - Mary requested
4. NC State capturecatcher - ongoing study
5. Jeff will forward
6. Sandy needs to call
7. Dana follow-up
8. Broom Maintenance Guidelines
9. CAHA Trans Study - Jeff follow-up
10. Protocol for lotral sp. - 4/1 support to have closures for plow
11. NPS-USFWS visitor use - digital copy to Jeff
12. Mary going next week

13. Park mailing list -
how broad?

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mid-next week

14. NCDOT aeriols. Jeff met w/ them before XMAS
What @ historic?

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[Michael Decker (sp.)
Don Sperling]

Jeff will follow-up

State of NC - webpage GIS website

County DVDs

15. Vehicle Counters - this summer

* bidirectional

* download data - 8 months worth of data
- download onto laptops

Other vehicle info; site counts; air quality

6/8 cylinder

wind 12 mph or speed

AQ data

16. Commercial Services Plan

* Internal Scoping - 2 yrs ago

17. Outcrop. Plan -

18. Horse Plan / Comm. Permit - Jeff send copies
of plan; Comm. Permit
* Compendium



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1. Update on Action Items from last call
 - a. Folks on call – Jami, Dana, Lori, Sherri, Jeff, Mary, Michael, Steve.
 - b. Update on data needs as identified in last call:
 - i. WAITING ON NOW
 1. CAHA management instructions on four parcels of land from critical habitat case – park All that we have is what actually came out from the court case, in the judge’s opinion, but we don’t have anything more specific than that. Only thing is talking with Mike Stevens who said that although it is being reported that USFWS is going to appeal, they aren’t going to do that. We have never managed any of the critical habitat areas differently than we would manage land under the ESA, so the critical habitat doesn’t manage our lands. These four parcels were never dealt with separately, never, we only dealt with habitat.
 2. Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce – research done on economic impact of birding locally? Jeff Cobb - We know of no data or research on this. That was something brought up during the scoping meeting, that they had done some research on birding on the area...Mary – we were questioning as to whether it was done. CAHA has parked with visitor bureau, but not chamber. Visitor bureau is local. CAHA will call Chamber of Commerce to double check whether or not there is an OBCC research on birding done locally.
 3. OBPA informal visitor use survey – Mary will call – Mary has called and sent emails, and made four different contacts, and did have a response email from John Couch, President of OBPA, said he thought he could release it, but would have to bring it up to the board. Not sure when next board meeting is. Mary is waiting on response from OBPA President John Couch and will update group.
 4. NC State study on American Oystercatcher – Steve - This is an ongoing study, the principal investigator at NC State to get their last report, this is a work in progress. Steve knows that there is a draft, he’ll talk to Ted Simons and see when finalized. It is an imp. study potentially for this topic at hand, which is ORV mgmt., even though technically not protected species, it is a species of concern,

and we have had chicks run over each year, and anecdotal evidence that birds are attracted to lights on vehicles, and usually get run over at night. If so, then that may be an impt. consideration on how we manage ORV's. **Steve will check with Ted Simons to see if draft is ready.**

5. AVM Conservation Study draft – Steve – Steve sent this by email to Jeff, and **Jeff will send it to EQD.**
6. COE studies related to Woods Hole – **Sandy will call -**
7. Book on estuarine erosion – Dana will send Sandy title to this book – This was the book that Mary gave Dana by Stan Riggs. **Received.** Drowning the North Carolina Coast: Sea Level Rise and Estuarine Dynamics, Stanley R. Riggs and Dorothea V. Ames, Published by NC Sea Grant, www.ncseagrant.org UNC-SG-03-04 ISBN 0-9747801-0-3
8. CAHA Beach Nourishment Guidelines – park will send once DC reviews – Larry signed the document as rec'd early this week, and it was forwarded to the regional office. Jami will ck. and see if Pat signed it. Julia Brunner said she thought Pat signed it. We might have faxed it Tuesday. Sherri – we had the heads up that this was coming, and John wanted to make sure he had all the info needed in WASO, so had a call-back from Julia yesterday, saying everything is fine. Prob. not yet signed by regional director. Sherri just this moment rec'vd email from John, and he touched base with Pat on that yesterday, and is ready to move forward. How sent to region by park? Regular mail. **Park, region continue to give updates on this. CAHA will fax beach nourishment guidelines to Sherri.**
9. CAHA Transportation Study – when completed? Jeff will ask John Walsh – **John Walsh said the target date for completion of the draft transportation plan is June 2005. The final should be complete in August/September 2005.**
10. CAHA Protocols for listed species – park will provide once completed by USGS, perhaps by spring – May be pushed back a little bit. Steve will talk with them today. April 1st – they may have some things done, and this is the date where we have closures for piping plover and is the start of our breeding season, thus the target date. They will have some portions of it, they want the prioritized list of species, and then continue working on it throughout the spring. That may trickle in more than having a finished product by April 1st. **Steve will update us on this.**
11. NPS-USFWS agreement on visitor use – Jeff – The digital copy has been forwarded to Jeff, and he will forward it to us. **Received.**

12. Documents in public library – Mary, once she has EQD’s general documents list – Mary did get an extensive bibliography list from us, is that the list? Michael – yes, use this list as a comparison. She can go to CAHA next week. Mary will make copies of the documents not in the list. **Mary will take bibliography list and compare with library list, and make copies of any other documents.**
13. Park mailing list – park will send to Dana/Lori – Jeff – we have questions about that list. We want to know how broadly to draw the list --- on the reg-neg side we have 26 potentially interested parties, but if you draw it widely, we get 1000 complaint emails / day, and a lot want to be on the mailing list. We have several mailing lists in the park, i.e. commercial services plan and Ft. Raleigh Mgmt. Plan. Dana – it is a matter of determining how many emails you are getting a day. Mary – these emails are off of action alerts, b/c my feeling is that what is happening we will get another action alert, and they will respond again. Dana – a typical mailing list is: library, local papers, agencies you normally coordinate with, and interested organizations, etc. And, officials, etc. that have expressed interest, those folks too. Congressmen. Local business owners. These are the folks you would send newsletters to, once you get to that point, these are folks that would receive meeting notices, and folks that the EIS is available for them to review. Email address with name OK? Yes! Mary – I think probably 95-98% we can do through email. CAHA- also has a business notice. Prob. going to go through the chamber of commerce as well. **CAHA will probably get this list to LB by mid-week next week.**
14. CAHA fly-over photos from NCDOT- Jeff – Yes – Jeff met with them shortly before Christmas, and they are saying that they have a flyover from last June, and are starting them next week too, so depends on how current we want. And by next month we could have those photos too. What about historic photos? Jeff didn’t ask Michael Dieker sp? of NCDOT, and Dance Sperling sp? , but he got the impression that he could get it. But their database goes very far back. What scale do we need? And, are we using these for presentational purposes or scientific purposes. These have coordinate points that allow us to overlap them. Well, we want 1970, 1980, 1990, etc., of the same area, that shows the beach sides, so as to see how many vehicles on the beach at those times, and the aerial would perhaps show how usage has increased over time. OK, Jeff will speak will Sperling again. Dana – do they take them at the same

time every year? Jeff – not sure. We will get the every 10 years for now, picking one area of heavy use, and then see if worthwhile to get for the entire park and within closer time periods. Jeff – Sperling is saying – do you want infrared car or black and white? Easiest thing would be for Jeff to go to Raleigh. Jeff will go there. Dana – don't need anything fancy. Michael – agree. Mary – State of NC does have a GIS Dept. under NCDOT, and they do have various maps by county, whether contour or arcview maps, these might be helpful in future. Jeff will send link. Also, LB has list of links that have GIS data on CAHA. Dana – did you ever get the GIS data opened? No. It won't open on our machines. Jeff will send to Dana and they will try it. Jeff – Park GIS database – we have it still on our formal GIS Specialists machine – this should be another item to get. Dana – many times, GIS files are linked, so have to be careful in making sure the base files are with it, and not save to a hard drive, separate from the other files. CAHA – we have a person at USFW that we will use for this. We don't know what we have on the computer. We need a GIS guy to look. Jeff will go to Raleigh to see what kind of maps there are. Will try and get relevant maps from 1970, 1980, 1990, etc., of the same area – prefer areas of heavy use, that shows the beach sides, so as to see how many vehicles on the beach at those times, and the aerial would perhaps show how usage has increased over time. Jeff will also send Dana the park GIS database, and have the USFWS GIS specialist come over and look at what files park has.

15. Vehicle counters update – Jeff – Last I heard we had the money – about 6K dollars. Steve Harrison and I have to put together a purchase order. We have the specs on the counters, etc. This will be a three-step phasing process – Oceanside with limited ramps first, then phase 2 – finish Oceanside, then 3 – test sites on soundside, and these will be phased in over this summer, and next two summers, and question is just the cost now. Counters are pretty incredible – you place sensors off to the side of the ramp, and you can count vehicles going in, coming out, or do both. You download the data, and it can record 8 mo's at one time. Also going to buy some laptops just for that purchase. Buried off to the side of the road, and erosion & vandal proof and durable. As far as producing data, we'll probably have to go to statistics division. It won't tell us whether vehicles had multiple entries or went ramp to ramp, and I don't see how it will tell us the numbers on the beach, but it

will tell numbers in and out. Michael – does it tell time of entry? Jeff – just a matter of money. Maybe this summer do an early test, and maybe even have them in place by the end of the summer, and Larry says he has the money, but probably only means phase 1. Jeff will continue following up with Larry on when they can buy sensors. Agreed that need these soon. CAHA will need help interpreting data from statistics experts in NPS – need to determine who that would be.

16. Commercial Services Plan – Jeff – CAHA did an internal scoping meeting two years ago, and Parsons was there. Jeff will check to see if notes are there, doesn't remember a document that was written though. Jami – Henry Benedetti's office – Jami will check on this. He may have used our IDIQ, but went out of his office. **Jami spoke with Henry Benedetti regarding the Commercial Services Plan and he said that Parsons is working on the EA now and they hope to have the plan and EA complete (FONSI signed) by July of this year. Need plan when it is completed.**
17. Comprehensive Interpretation Plan – both what it is and when developed – Jeff – this was developed in 1988, back when we call it Interpretive Prospectuses. So, not following this document at all now; it focused primarily on the media we used, and basically what Harpers Ferry would provide for the park, and it went on to say that visitors would find displays...but didn't really tell us what interpretive themes were going to be. Also have a Statement of Interpretation in 1993, like an annual work plan. But we are starting a new CIP; meeting was last June. Another meeting next week to establish the interpretive themes for the area. 3 part theme. Target date is estimated 2006. Jeff will keep us informed on what is going on with the new CIP.
18. Horse Plan/Horse Trail Commercial Permit – park – Jeff, no plan, but we do have a permit process. He'll send copies of it. Only thing in permit as far as area of operation, is a one sentence line – allows for portions of Buxton Woods and the ocean beach. Jeff sent us the compendium, and there is a section specific to Horses. It is more specific. **There is no park plan, but LB has the compendium which shows the permit process for horses.**
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21. Local ORV regs powerpoint/video– Mary will send; EQD will do comparison if needed -
22. Air quality info – vehicle info, site counts by rangers, etc. --
 - CAHA – we have spot counts by rangers over a period of two years, which is a weekly count, and spot counts and infrequently 3 – 5 years, i.e. counts on holiday weekends. The counts that we take – we aren't sure if they are random or not. This data is pretty complete, and Jeff has taken a stab at interpreting it. Air quality info – we know the vehicles are out there, we know usually are 6-8 cylinder combustion vehicles, middle age vehicles, 12 mph so blows across island in about a minute. So, park doesn't think it is an issue. Dana – EPA has air quality monitoring sites, so there may be one close-by. **LB looked into air quality monitoring sites, and found no EPA air quality monitoring stations exist in Dare or Hyde Counties. Lori found the closest stations, but it doesn't look like these would provide any good data due to distance and what is being monitored. (see LB's email sent on 1.12.05).**

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