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CAHA Conference Call 4.21.05
ORV Management Plan/EIS - Reg-Neg

- 1. Update on status of reg-neg
 - a. neutrals
 - b. feasibility assessment

- 2. Update on status of NEPA planning

many's are in - end of next week

- 3. Update on piping plover closures

no update - no closure yet

July - Public? Scoping

- 4. Economic analysis

- a. Meeting with Bruce Peacock week of June 13th
- b. NOI and public meetings

- 5. Vehicle counter update/Butch Street

order and on way

- 6. Action items from previous calls:

- a. EQD will look at CALO PWC EA as example of trying to measure air quality on seashore.
- b. TV Show - EQD was to send out goals for a segment before this call
- c. EQD and park will have separate call on air quality info needed either with Lianna Reilly or Aaron Worstell. Sherri Fields/SERO will also be on this call.
- d. Public participation plan (scoping brochure, newsletters, ?) - CAHA will come up with number of meetings and where held.
- e. EQD will send current/updated timeline of reg-neg/NEPA process
- f. CAHA will post applicable Management Policies on its website, including: ORV, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, Visitor Use and Experience, Closure Management Policies and Soundscapes.

not doing this

next call

Pending mod to total - Draft of mod is together

May - not a problem

- 7. ESF data needed items (from internal scoping meeting)

- a. Water quality issues: CAHA will get number of submerged vehicles every year, and EQD will talk to WRD to see if this is really an issue.
- b. Rare or unusual vegetation, old-growth timber, riparian, alpine info: CAHA will forward this info to LB (esp. info on Sea Beach Amaranth)
- c. Unique or important fish habitat: EQD will check with WRD again or BRMD.
- d. Introduce or promote nonnative species (plant or animal): CAHA - Steve will check with Marcia to see whether there are invasive plants.
- e. Cultural resources, including cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources: CAHA will get a list of these sites and forward to EQD, LB. CAHA will get this info from SEAC and the state archeologist. Need gross numbers, but won't disclose where they are.

- f. Resource, including energy, conservation potential: EQD could estimate how many folks are driving based on the counters.
- g. Urban quality, gateway communities definition: "Gateway community: a community that exists in close proximity to a national park, and whose residents and elected officials often have shared interests and concerns regarding decisions that are made in managing the park. Gateway communities usually offer food, lodging, and other services to park visitors. They also provide opportunities for employee housing, and a convenient location to purchase goods and services essential to park administration." From: <http://www.nps.gov/refdesk/mp/appendix.htm>
- h. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on NRHP: CAHA will send EQD, LB any info on past consultation for Kinnekeet Lifesaving Station AND the cultural landscape study. CAHA will send PMIS number for this report as well.
- i. Contribute to the intro, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds: see above, Steve will check with Marcia.

8. Status of document/info gathering

a. WAITING ON NOW

- i. COE studies related to beach nourishment, Woods Hole – EQD assigned intern to call
- ii. CAHA Beach Nourishment Guidelines – park will send once DC reviews. Updates from region?
- iii. CAHA fly-over photos from NCDOT
 - 1. see email from Jeff on 2.18.05 – need to decide if still want to purchase based on conversation with Butch Street
- iv. Names and content of GIS files to determine if there is other info that could be used to describe environment and baseline, EX: habitat maps. (Jeff estimates will have this by end of Feb.). Jami will have their region specialist, Christy Carol, look at the list – and she will call Jeff.
- v. Oil spill recovery plan – EQD will check with Coast Guard to see if there is a plan under the OPA - EQD pending.
- vi. Research permits – print off investigator reports that have been filed on relevant studies - EQD will continue to work on this. There are several permits that seem relevant, so we want to see what these results are. EQD assigned intern to do this.
- vii. Vehicle info apart from spot counts by rangers – Jeff will check to see if there is info from the 1980's.

b. RECEIVED since last call

c. PENDING COMPLETION OF DOCUMENT/STUDY

- i. VIM ecosystem study – Steve – once it is completed

- ii. CAHA ethnographic study –Per Jami - Tony Paredes expects the final Ethnographic Study report by May - June 2005. Need study when completed.
- iii. Cape Point Water Management Plan – Sandy has sent PMIS statement minus budget info to Dana (project will be approved by park next week and go to regional office for review). – CAHA will check with Steve Harrison on this. Who does this go through in the region? With Sherri? Not sure.
- iv. OBPA informal visitor use survey – waiting on final survey from John Crouch (already have executive summary)
- v. CAHA Transportation Study – target date for completion is June 2005, final in August/Sept. 2005
- vi. CAHA Protocols for listed species – park will provide once completed by USGS in June 2005 – Steve
- vii. Evaluation of park GIS database
- viii. Commercial Services Plan – Jeff –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.
- ix. Comprehensive Interpretation Plan – both what it is and when developed –Jeff will keep us informed on what is going on with the new CIP. Target date for completion is 2006
- x. Minority and low-income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc from ESF: EQD will move this into data needed column, and wait on Bruce’s study.

d. UPDATE ON RESEARCH ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- i. Primitive Wilderness research – draft completed
- ii. ADA/Wilderness research – EQD in progress (waiting on “primitive wilderness” research to finalize response, but have initial determination of how ADA applies to officially-designated or proposed Wilderness)
- iii. Marine Mammal Protection Act & ORV use – EQD in progress
- iv. CZMA/CAMA – done (group needs update though)
- v. Migratory Bird Act & ORV’s – EQD in progress

9. Other

10. Next call – THURSDAY, May 5, 7:30 am mountain, 9:30 am eastern