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Memorandum

To: Sherri Fields, Chief-Natural Resources, Southeast Regional office, National Park Service
Steve Harrison, Chief of Resource Management, Cape Hatteras National Seashore,
National Park Service

From: John French, Research Manger and Michael Erwin, Research Scientist, USGS Patuxent
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Re: Management protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Please find attached the USGS PWRC recommended management protocols for piping plovers, American oystercatcher, colonial nesting seabirds, sea turtles and sea beach amaranth at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As per our work agreement, these documents have been reviewed by scientific and technical experts. Also, we appreciate greatly the reviews undertaken by NPS staff.

All of the scientists that worked on these documents are confident that the management actions recommended will result in benefits to the populations of these species. I hope that hurricane Ophelia has created a lot more habitat for these species at Cape Hatteras in the past few days!

