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Subject: Fw: think way back

Karen - relating to your turtle patrol question - I asked Kent turner the same and this was his reply. I forwarded this to Thayer when he arrived.

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Subject: Re: think way back

Marcia: When I started at CAHA in Feb 82 I found a manilla envelop in files from Ted ?? (the temporary ecologist in the late 1970s) which had Case Incident reports on sea turtle nests going back to around early 70s. That is the information that I compiled and wrote a summary on (in the Tech Files) in around 83 or 84. I think those summaries were later comiled again and updated by Andy Coles in 89 for the coastal symposium.

In 83 or so, I think, Terry Harris spoke with me several times about doing something to protect sea turtles. About the same time, NC Wildlife Commission was interested in working with us, and toured the area. Based on discussions with NC Wildlife Commission and USFWS, I drafted an SOP for ranger patrol of the beaches and management of sea turtle nesting. That SOP was the basis for a Biological Opinion from USFWS granting us permission to do so. That was in 83 or 84. So, in one sense, I think you could say that the BO was the starting date for such activities in an official sense, although patrols had gone on during the 70s and 80s as witnessed in the available Case Incident reports. A copy of that BO should be in the tech files, and I guess you could use that date as the official program start. I summarized the CIs and tortoise data every year I was there and placed in the Tech Files.

Now, that doesnt answer your question fully, meaning, "comprehensive surveys every morning." The goal was to conduct such surveys, but I know they were never "comprehensive" (from Bodie through Ocracoke, every morning). But, that was the SOP. We had SCAs, summer seasonals, generally every year to augment the work force, but cant guarantee how comprehensive they were. However, that said, I think there was a good faith effort, and I doubt we missed many.

I just looked in my files and believe it or not, I have a copy of that BO, dated July 9, 1984. (I kept it with my personnel files). If you cant find it at CAHA, let me know, and I'll fax you a copy.

Hope you are well. great hearing from you. Our daughter Jessie begins college at University of Washington this September. Time keeps marching on.

take care, kent

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Can either of you help me with a date or approx date - on when the park began comprehensive surveys for sea turtle nests - where the entire beach was covered each morning between the months of June and August. I know we have .dbf files dating Reis gave me when he left dating back to the early 1990s. I have seen some earlier records but some years were so low that I don't know how comprehensive they were. A lot of data up at hQ has not been filed yet and I am back working in Buxton for the bird season. Thanks for any thoughts

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