

CAHA

2/20/08 w/ Sandy + Lori

8:30-5:00 (per Cindy)

Could get Eliz Gardens and have lunch section

Alts - not calling "preliminary" anymore

Sandy - include things like ~~the~~ closing end of Bodie Island to CREV

Dana - consistency in mgmt (to visitors)

↳ rules don't change each season

- rule + reg seashore wide w/ A.M.
or
by islandSandy - passive rec areas need to be addressed in all
but Alt. A.Park needs to decide if carry capacity ~~can~~ can be established
on some Islands and not on Bodie~~Dana - want call about res. req~~

If Berger resource staff needed, will utilize trash can call

- use park staff for now

check w/ ~~Carol~~ Carol to see, if she wants to be there

?? when public comment summaries for Sandy

Sandy - A.M. scenario w/ performance standards

- # ^{triose} species closures

- # false scowls

- # plover nests

These would trigger a
mgmt. change

↳ could vary by alternative

Thresholds

- Remove items ^{other than} ~~not~~ ~~discussed~~
 - considered + dismissed into separate document
- reader to follow outline (EIS outline order) 'Land Use'
- need "geohazards" in addition to geologic resources
- need to dismiss A.Q. ^{but} ~~and~~ not global warming

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Sandstone + Knox sp. under Visitor Experience

- cross-reference back

Use NEPA thresholds for TFE

- Neg → major (check in EM)

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Alternatives Development
Primary, Secondary, and Common to All
March 20 and 21, 2008

Elements common to all alternatives -- Lists of actions that will be common to all alternatives and common to all action alternatives being developed for the meeting. These lists of proposed elements will be ready by 2/22/08 for review. During the meeting, the Seashore can comment on these lists to add, delete, or modify elements.

IDT will review

- Speed limit
- Education and outreach, *street legal*
- Vehicle requirements (4x4, tire pressure)
- Driver requirements (license, registration, *training*) *educ. component may differ by alt.*
- Equipment requirements (shovel, jack, pressure gauge)
- Accessibility for disabled
- Commercial fishing requirements (access) *will it be may diff among alts*
- Nomenclature for closed areas (i.e. safety closure, resource closure, etc)
- Right-of-way rules
- Predator management (covered by the planned Predator Management Plan)

Item 5

Primary Issues -- These issues are primary issues or themes identified by the Seashore during alternatives development and the public through the alternatives option workbook. The framework for the alternatives discussed in the agenda was developed based on these themes. The discussion for alternatives B, C1, C2, D1, and D2 is intended to address these primary issues.

public scoping and

OK

- Carrying Capacity *pre nesting breeding, etc.*
- Permits *expand, e.g. seasonal or permanent closure areas*
- Species protection (nesting closures, buffer zones)
- ~~Dark skies lighting for species and visitors (NPS facilities and villages)~~
- Enforcement (more rangers, focus on resource closures, raise fines)
- Use areas (ORV vs Passive recreation)
- ~~Seashore wide vs. Island specific vs. site specific -- what?~~
- Education and outreach (those not common to all alternatives)
- Accessibility for disabled

Break out discussion 5

Secondary Issues -- These were issues identified by the Seashore and the public that would likely be addressed in all alternatives, but to varying degrees. The intention is to discuss these elements with the park and the range of options for these elements. Once a range has been developed, the options in that range can be matched with the alternatives discussed earlier in the meeting.

for the IDT

- Parking
- Alternative transportation
- Signage improvements
- Ramp maintenance
- Facilities improvements (restrooms)
- Drainage improvements
- Waste management (dumpsters, fish grinders)

13.

Commercial fishing requirements (access) (if not common to all)
Road improvements (pull outs)
Allowed activities: Fires, fireworks, pets, kites, kiteboarding, etc

habitat creation
complete prohibition
by ORV's

ask who's attending from
region
Tim Piñon

~~Considered But Dismissed~~

change gps for C+D

Suggestions for Who Participates

SERO Tim Piñon
Sherri?
Jami?

Berger Dana
Lori
Doug
Carol

EQD Sandy
Madelyn

Park Mike
new Deputy
Cindy
Phayer
Britta
megan
Nora

Mary
marcia
District
John
John
Kenny
Paul
Steve Thompson
John Wescott

22 people

10-11 per group

Clarify issues vs. options

Agenda

Second Alternatives Development Meeting Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement March 20 - 21, 2008



Give to park early
Send in chunks
- agenda
- issues lists

---Thursday March 21, 2008---

1. Welcome and Introductions, Update on Reg-Neg Status (Park)
Review Meeting Purpose and Objectives (EQD)

8:30 - 9:00 AM 20 mins

The purpose of the meeting is to further develop alternatives and set a framework for analysis for the ORV Plan/EIS.
Objectives of this meeting are:

- To clarify and finalize the no action alternative;
- To determine elements common to all alternatives and all action alternatives;
- To develop a preliminary range of action alternatives for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore ORV Plan/EIS;
- To further discuss alternatives considered but not carried forward and the reason they were not carried forward; and
- To discuss the draft methodology and threshold for impact analysis.

Further develop this list and get feedback from park staff (finalize scores) look at items discussed at last meeting

If time permits, the agenda will also include discussing data gaps and developing the cumulative impact scenario.
Read-ahead - prelim alts consid but not carr. forward

2. Review Results of Public Comment (Berger)

9:00 - 9:30 AM

Discuss the results of public comment from the alternative option workbooks including general themes. Specific alternative elements suggested will be addressed in later agenda items.

HANDOUTS: (1) Summary of Public Comment from the Alternative Option Workbooks

3. Discuss Methodology for Developing Preliminary Alternatives (Berger)

9:30 - 10:00 AM

Preliminary alternatives will be developed based on the first alternatives development meeting and the results of public input. Through a series of breakout sessions, the IDT will take alternative elements and package them into an initial range of alternatives. The methods and tools for doing this will be discussed.

READ-AHEADS: (1) Preliminary Alternative Worksheets (2) NPS (including Cape Hatteras) ORV Management Measures (for reference); (3) ORV Management Measures in Other Non-NPS Jurisdictions (for reference); and (4) List of Primary and Secondary Alternative Issues.

discuss A.M. here
include AM related outcome on worksheet

--- BREAK ---

(renew) let people break while on groups

10:00 - 10:15 AM

4. Discussion of Alternative A - No Action Alternative (EQD/Berger)

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Review/revise the no action alternative with the IDT.

Read-ahead (description of AITA) - read send out w/agenda

could staff since connects to Cindy and she could compile a list of comments prior to meeting

but not completed at this meeting

2/13/08

10:15 - Break

Breakout groups need to be picked carefully
Need attendance sheet from Mike



10:15 - 11:15?
~~10:00~~
10:45 - 11:45 AM

might be 45 mins,
but leave as hour
for now

5. Elements Common to All Alternatives (EQD/Berger)

Review list of proposed elements common to all alternatives and those common to all action alternatives. IDT to provide comment on these elements and to edit, add, or remove elements from the list. Will discuss how adaptive management would be addressed in all alternatives.

Needs
work

READ-AHEADS: (1) Draft List of Elements Common to All Alternatives (2) Draft List of Elements Common to All Action Alternatives

need descriptions of listed items. Add the question - does
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~~LUNCH~~

H:45 - 12:45 PM
11:15 - 12:15
~~12:45 - 2:15 PM~~

IDT want diff
speed limits in
diff alternatives?

6. Development of Preliminary Alternative B ("No Action Plus") (EQD/Berger)

Develop preliminary alternative B with the IDT. Preliminary alternative B would be based on the concept of using the no action alternative as a base and adding elements to increase compliance with USFWS mandates for species protection, and responding to the concerns raised in the current litigation, while preserving a reasonable range of visitor experience. For example, one way this could be accomplished is to consider the possibility of restrictions on night driving. There would be no permit system or carrying capacity under this alternative. This alternative could range from no-action plus adaptive management to no action plus additional species protection measures with changes to visitor access.

Deleted: to that

Lunch
12:15 -
12:45

12:45 - 1:15 - Continued

need Ass. Rec.
Seasonal vs. all year

7. Breakout Group 1 - Preliminary Alternatives C1 and 2 - Seashore-wide Management (EQD/Berger)

~~2:15 - 3:15 PM~~
1:15 - 3:15

The IDT will split into two groups to develop preliminary alternatives C1 and C2. The groups will discuss the following:

Preliminary Alternative C1: This alternative would implement the same management measures Seashore-wide (management would not vary by island). This alternative would focus on a more structured but simple management system to best meet park management and operations objectives. There would be a permit system but no carrying capacity established under this alternative. Elements of park management, such as areas in front of lifeguarded beaches, villages, and campground, would be consistent to simplify park implementation and public understanding.

Preliminary Alternative C2: This alternative would implement the same management measures Seashore-wide (management would not vary by island). This alternative would focus on providing an adaptive management framework to provide a range of visitor experiences while ensuring for species protection. There would not be a permit system under this alternative, but designated use areas may be determined. Adaptive management would be included to ensure all user groups have use areas, even as the dynamic Seashore changes. Management in front of lifeguarded beaches, villages, and campground would be consistent Seashore-wide to simplify implementation and understanding. This alternative should ensure some level of pedestrian accessibility and explore parking options (parking also to be discussed under agenda item 12).

more examples (verbally)

--- BREAK ---

3:15 - 3:30 PM

8. Report out for Breakout Group 1 - Preliminary Alternatives C1 and C2 (EQD/Berger)

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Each group will have 30 minutes to report their alternative concept and the other group will comment on the proposed preliminary alternatives

- ① use laptops
- ② fill out worksheets
- ③ print
- ④ pass out for review
- present to group

9. Day 1 Wrap-up/Discussion of Day 2 (Group)

~~4:00 - 4:45 PM~~
4:45 - 5:00

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4:45 PM

5:00



----Friday March 22, 2008 ----

10. Recap Day 1 (Group)

^{30 45}
~~8:00~~ - 8:30 AM

Day 1 will be reviewed and any outstanding questions answered.

11. Breakout Group 2 - Preliminary Alternatives D1 and D2 - Island Specific Management (EQD/Berger)

^{8:45 - 10:45}
~~8:30~~ - 9:30 AM

Comment [11]: Need at least an hour and a half

The IDT will split into two groups to develop preliminary alternatives D1 and D2. The groups will discuss the following:

Preliminary Alternative D1: This alternative would develop management measures specific to each island, with a more structured management framework. This would include establishing a carrying capacity specific to each island, which may or may not include a permit system. This alternative would focus on providing a range of visitor experiences and protecting natural resources, with management measures accounting for the different environments on each island.

Deleted: developing a permit system (could be Seashore-wide or island-specific) that would include

Preliminary Alternative D2: This alternative would develop management measures specific to each island, with a more flexible management framework based largely on adaptive management. Further, current conditions on the ground could change and management in front of villages, campground, and lifeguarded beaches, and management could be different between these different sites. Stress would be placed on increased education and outreach, as well as increased enforcement.

12. Report out for Breakout Group 2 - ~~Preliminary~~ Alternatives D1 and D2 (EQD/Berger)

^{10:45 - 11:00 break}
^{11:00 - 11:45}
~~9:30~~ - 10:30 AM

Each group will have ⁴⁵30 minutes to report their alternative concept and the other group will comment on the proposed preliminary alternatives

- group P
+ lunch (11:45-12:1)
+ group D2 (12:15-1:00)

~~BREAK~~

- Issues?

~~10:30 - 10:45 AM~~

13. Secondary Alternative Options (EQD/Berger)

~~10:45 - 11:45 AM~~

Discuss alternative options that were not identified as primary options. These include parking, alternative transportation, signage, additional amenities, waste management, etc. The range of options for the secondary issues will be discussed. For the range of options, the IDT will identify which of the alternatives developed earlier best fit with which option.

READ-AHEADS: (1) List of Primary and Secondary Alternative Options (from item #3)

~~LUNCH~~

~~11:45 - 12:45 PM~~

14. Secondary Alternative Options (cont.)

^{1:00 - 3:00}
~~12:45~~ - 3:00 PM

15. Alternatives Considered but Not Carried Forward

Rec'd ahead (see item 1)

~~2:00 - 2:30 PM~~
~~3:00~~
^{3:00 - 3:15 break}

3:15 - 4:15

Sandy - put agenda item reference on list of issues



--- BREAK ---

~~2:45 - 3:30 PM~~

16. Discussion of Regulatory Framework, Methodologies, and Thresholds

2:45 - 3:30 PM

Group discussion on the draft regulatory framework, methodologies, and thresholds for the ORV plan/EIS. The group will review and comment on the regulatory framework and thresholds. Input for methodologies will be obtained, but these will evolve depending on the range of alternatives.

READ-AHEADS: (1) Regulatory Framework, Methodologies, and Thresholds

17. Meeting Review and Next Steps (EQD)

3:30 - 4:00 PM
4:15 - 5:00 PM

Discussion of schedule through the end of the planning process and any process questions.

- Assignments
- Next meeting(s)

READ-AHEADS: project schedule

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5
4:00 PM

OTHER POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS IF TIME PERMITS

~~1. Review Data Gaps and Data Needs (Berger)~~

~~Follow-up on data available and data gaps identified at the first internal scoping meeting and get updates on traffic counters, night sky team results, soundscapes measurements, etc.~~

~~2. Discussion on Cumulative Impact Analysis (Group)~~

~~Review the preliminary cumulative impact table and provide feedback as to plan, policies, and actions to add, delete, or modify.~~

~~READ-AHEADS: (1) Preliminary cumulative impact table from IPSMS/EA~~

Data need 45

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March 2008**

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- Accessibility for disabled
- Commercial fishing requirements (access)
- Nomenclature for closed areas (i.e. safety closure, resource closure, etc)
- Right-of-way rules

→ adherence to ESA and B.O. for all alternatives or at least all action alt

Will be another BO + BA (w/ or w/o plan)

FWS is being sued over B.O.

ped mgmt separate action

Primary Issues

- Carrying Capacity
- Permits
- Species protection (nesting closures, buffer zones)
- Dark skies lighting (NPS facilities and villages)
- Enforcement (more rangers, focus on resource closures, raise fines)
- Use areas (ORV vs Passive recreation)
- Seashore wide vs. Island specific vs. site specific
- Allowed Activities: Fires, fireworks, pets, kites, kiteboarding, etc
- Increased parking facilities
- Predator management (is it common to all?) - is it separate
- Education and outreach (driver training, brochures, TV, website, signage)
- Accessibility for disabled

Secondary Issues (if there is time)

- ✓ Signage improvements
- Ramp maintenance
- Facilities improvements (restrooms)
- Drainage improvements
- Waste management (dumpsters, fish grinders)
- Commercial fishing requirements (access)
- Road improvements (pull outs)

Done - are they common to all? (no) - could put some of these issues into certain alternatives

Parking Alt. - transpo. → add to B, 14