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Memorandum

To: Chief of Resources Management and Chief Ranger, Outer Banks Group

From: Superintendent, Outer Banks Group

Subject: Delegation of Authority for Approving Resource Closures

During implementation of the Interim Protected Species Management Strategy, it will be necessary to establish and/or modify resource protection closures to protect shorebirds and sea turtles at various locations throughout Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The Resources Management staff is responsible for monitoring conditions and recommending resource protection closures and modifications. FONSI Tables 1-3 (enclosed) for the Interim Protected Species Management Strategy (IPSMS) are to be used as guidance on criteria and buffer distances for resource protection closures. All resource protection closures are to be documented using the CAHA Resource Protection Closure form.

I hereby assign responsibility and delegate authority for actions/review/approval related to resource protection closures that are proposed/implemented in accordance with IPSMS FONSI criteria:

1) Wildlife Biologist, or designated Acting, is authorized to take the following actions:

- Initiate/review/recommend all resource protection closures and re-openings.
- Approve resource protection closures and modifications that do not completely preclude visitor access past the site (i.e., do not cause a full beach closure) in any/all areas away from the Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point/South Beach, Hatteras Spit, North Ocracoke, and South Ocracoke.
- At any location, approve immediate temporary closures around new found shorebird or sea turtles nests, and around new found chicks. Priority is to take action immediately to protect nests and chicks, then submit closure request form after-the-fact to appropriate level for review/approval.
- Approve re-opening (removal) of any resource closures if/when resource conditions permit.
- The above actions require timely notification of the Chief of Resources Management, the local District Ranger and the Community Liaison.

2) Chief of Resources Management (CRM), or designated Acting, is authorized to take the following actions:

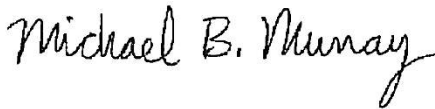
- Any/all of the above actions, if such actions are referred to the CRM by the Wildlife Biologist, or designated Acting, for review/approval.

- Approve resource protection closures and modifications that do not completely preclude visitor access past the site (i.e., do not cause a full beach closure) at Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point/South Beach, Hatteras Spit, North Ocracoke, and South Ocracoke.
- Approve full beach closures in areas away from the Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point/South Beach, Hatteras Spit, North Ocracoke, and South Ocracoke.
- Review/recommend full beach closures at Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point/South Beach, Hatteras Spit, North Ocracoke, and South Ocracoke.
- The above actions require timely notification of the Community Liaison, the Chief Ranger and the Superintendent (or Acting).

3) Superintendent, or designated Acting, retains the authority to take the following actions:

- Review of any/all of the above actions.
- Approve full beach closures at Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point/South Beach, Hatteras Spit, North Ocracoke, and South Ocracoke.
- Approve any closures that restrict or preclude access to/through inter-dunal, by-pass, or ramp access routes.
- The above actions require timely notification of the Community Liaison, the Chief of Resources Management and the Chief Ranger.

This designation and your responsibilities under it will remain in effect until rescinded in writing by me or the Acting Superintendent.



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Enclosure:
FONSI Tables 1-3

cc: Wildlife Biologist
District Rangers