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Subject: stakeholder questions/concerns
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Norah,

At RegNeg meeting several stakeholder questions/concerns came up that need your attention.

- 1) How does LE staff decide if it is violation of a full beach resource closure if someone is in the water? (e.g., a fisherman fighting a fish in the surf, or a kiteboarder coming into shallow water but not coming ashore to dry land). Stakeholders want to be able to communicate the policy clearly to their constituents. **Please discuss with staff and come up with a simple written explanation that staff can understand, enforce consistently, and communicate efficiently to visitors.** (As an example, when I did boat patrol in Florida Bay at EVER, we had about 100 islands that were closed to landing to protect bird rookeries. Our policy was that as long as people's feet remained wet, they had not "landed" and no violation had occurred. This explanation may not fit our situation, but the point is to come up with a simple explanation that is easy to communicate and enforce consistently. Maybe it should be based on our boundary at the mean low water mark? In any case, please come up with a policy explanation.
- 2) Can we designate a boat launch site for commercial fishermen on South Beach adjacent to the prenesting closure? Michael Peele keeps asking for this. He says that rec fisherman park right next to the prenesting resource closure and leave him no place to launch his boat and leave his trailer when he comes back to shore with a load of fish. Wayne Mathis chimed in and suggested we make it a designated boat launch for everyone including rec fishermen. I don't feel strongly about Wayne's idea and will defer to your judgment about whether that is a good idea or not. I do sympathize with Michael's request and wonder if we could do something about it (not just for him, but for commercial fishermen in general), but don't really know how much of a problem it really is. My impression is that commercial fishermen are not restricted to launching at designated sites, so maybe the solution would be something more along the lines of establishing a "no parking" or "parking by permit only" zone for 40-50 feet adjacent to the closure. Rec fishermen could still fish there; but would need to park outside the zone. Then commercial fishermen could launch and leave their trailer rig there. **Please review with John Mc. (maybe have him talk to Michael to hear his perspective) and make a recommendation to me about how we should respond to the boat launch requests.**

Please respond by April 2.

Thanks,

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