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Subject: Re: Reply to two stakeholder questions/concerns
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Norah et. al.,

Thanks for the response. I think the commercial fishing suggestion of a 50-foot parking area would work if we designate it somehow as being for commercial fishing use only. I thought of a couple of questions. Can we distinguish between a commercial fisherman and a recreational fisherman in order to enforce the use by commercial fisherman only? Do we typically have more than one commercial fisherman using the area at a time, and if so, will a 50-foot area be large enough? Can the launching/retrieving of "normal" (haul seines) commercial fishing activities occur entirely within the 50-foot extension? Should the commercial fisherman be allowed to work and park within the 50-foot area, or should they park somewhere else? If the 50-foot area is for launching and retrieving, do we need to consider the depth of the 50-foot area in addition to the length so that there is enough room to work? I realize some of these questions may not be entirely on track, since I haven't seen a commercial fishing use here yet.

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My apology...unable to find the original email sent regarding stakeholders questions regarding how staff deals with:

1. Violations of a full beach closure if someone is in the water in front of a resource closure?

In the case of the kiteboarders that entered the resource closure last summer...had they stayed off shore they would have been fine. They came on shore into a resource closure , a couple of them walked from the shore towards the dunes...the rest walked parallel to the shore on land, not water..we asked them to walk closer to the water, resource and I followed them out of the resource closure. They were all issued tickets.

If a fisherman catches a big fish and gets pulled into a resource closure and they are on land they get a ticket. If they are in the water and remain in the water they are fine and will be educated.

If a person is in the water in front of a resource closure, Rangers will educate folks and ask them to move outside of a closure. If they move out of the water on land in the closure they are in violation and issued a ticket.

If there is a question...if they are in the water or not...they do not get a ticket, they are educated, warned...the Ranger must be able to articulate that this person was in fact not in the water and on land, in the resource closure.

2. Can we designate a launch site for commercial fishermen on south Beach adjacent to the prenesting closure?

I spoke to DR's about this in particular asked John McCutcheon to look at this, as a result of discussions other questions came up...for instance..Can commercial fishermen do this at different times of the day when nobody is around like 0600 AM? If we set aside this area are we going to set aside areas in all districts? Do we do this in key areas?

But specific to the site in question..McCutcheon's solution/recommendation was to extend and identify the prenesting closure at that site another 50 feet and then allow the commercial fishermen to access this 50' area .

DR's please feel free to comment if you have anything else to add.

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