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Subject: Re: Reply to two stakeholder questions/concerns
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Darrell,

I have discussed this with Mike Peele directly several weeks ago before I left. To answer your questions:

1. LE staff (or any NPS employee) should be able to distinguish a commercial fisherman. They should have a bright yellow cardboard placard placed on their dashboard or sun visor. It should be visible. Also, there are relatively few commercial fisherman, and most of the LE Rangers here on HI know the vehicles.
2. Very few times have I seen multiple permitted commercial fisherman crews in the same area. Usually one person or crew. Should not be an issue.
3. 50 feet is relative. Mike Peele mentioned to me 40 to 60 feet. It could be 100 feet, I see no reason to go beyond that.
4. I don't see any strong reasoning for any parking within this zone - it would be to launch and retrieve only. Primarily it is for Peele (and others) to gain access during crowded times, and in particular, this was in the ramp 45/South Beach area. I don't want to see the Park accommodate at every whim to satisfy one commercial fisherman. No other commercial permittee has voiced this concern, only Peele.

I hope this helps.

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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 le followed them out of the resource closure. They were all issued tickets.

If a fishermen 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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