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Mike, Marc, and Tom, sorry if you received this twice, my mail system had some problems.

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Dear Nags Head Realty and Outer Banks Brewing Station.

As two of my favorite businesses in the Outer Banks, I regret to inform you that I will not be visiting the area nor patronizing your businesses since the beaches are closed for all practical purposes. I have been fishing the Outer Banks for 23 continuous years and never encountered such a situation. For the Audubon Society to dictate bird nesting enclosures to a US Government Agency (NPS) is absurd. There was a plan called Negotiated Rule Making that would have prevented all this but the extreme environmentalists ignored that and filed the law suit that put the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and RECREATIONAL AREA into lock-down.

I live in Delaware which is fortunate to also have beach driving and surf fishing. The plovers nest here too but the land is state owned and much smaller beach areas are closed. This is based on science, not bird watchers.

So, I will be doing my surf fishing in DE and New Jersey which is 2 hours away. I would have put up with \$4.00/gal. gasoline and drive 6 hours to the Outer Banks for some of the best saltwater fishing in the world, but if the beaches are closed there is no point in going.

I will really miss your beautiful state and will continue to support organizations such as NCBBA and the Outer Banks Preservation Association (OBPA) in their fight to regain access. I hope you will support them too.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Hashinger  
NCBBA #8189

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