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Mike

Following our in-park discussion last week we probably still need to decide what to allow in regards to vessel launch and recovery oceanside. We can either:

1. Close all areas in resource closures to launching or recovery of vessels and all other oceanside areas are open to boat launching or,
2. No launching .5 miles from Cape Point, Hatteras Inlet or Bodie Island spit. Otherwise all oceanside areas open to boat launching. (This is how the proposed reg reads now in the 2008 Supt compendium)
3. Or designate specific launch sites

Other suggestions? I am good with either 1 or 2. If we find that we have a particular safety issue we can address it by designating a specific launch or recovery site.

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A question has come up about whether it is permissible to go by boat from the Ramp 43 or 44 ORV accessible beach area out to Cape Point to by-pass the LETE closure. My feeling is that it would be permissible, provided we designate an area for boat launch/landing and no launching or landing is allowed within a resource closure. From a boater safety point of view, I don;t know if it is a good idea to allow small boats to launch/land, obviously at their own risk, in the ocean surf zone. I think the boats can do what they want in the water outside the boundary. Our regulatory control mechanism is whether we designate a launch area or not.

Please think about the LE, resources management and public safety pros and cons of this and be prepared to discuss it during the Wed bird call. If we were to allow it, what sort of restrictions on location, time, etc., if any, would we want to establish?

Thanks,

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