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From: [Darrell Echols](#)
To: [Mike Murray](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Closed areas
Date: 06/04/2008 06:05 PM

Mike,

OK. I will talk to you first thing in the AM to make sure I am correct, and then send out an email to clarify. It has been my understanding that if there are open areas beyond a closure, then visitors were able to walk outside of the park boundary (ie, in the water knee deep or so) and then re-enter an open area. This was based on our jurisdiction not extending beyond the mean low water, which cannot be readily identified by us or the public.

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Subject Fw: Closed areas

Still seems to be confusion on this. Need to come up with one definitive answer that we can all agree to. (Paul's answer is as I have understand it, but MLW is not easily explained to or understood by public.).

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

From: Paul Stevens
Sent: 06/04/2008 04:16 PM EDT
To: William Hackett
Cc: Kenny Ballance; Norah Martinez
Subject: Re: Closed areas

It is totally dependent on the size of the buffer and if there are any areas beyond the closure that are open. Bottom line is we do not have jurisdiction below the mean low water mark. If the buffer is right at the tidal zone, which has been the case at Cape Point, then folks were allowed to walk to the point at waters edge to the open area. If a buffer extends ten to twenty yards into the ocean, we would not allow anyone to go around it on the tide line. If we have to, we can shut down entire areas if we don't get compliance.

When plover chicks are on the ground, the entire area is closed and there would most likely not be any areas open on the other side of the closure.

You need to get with the resource staff, check the closure maps, and get with Kenny. I would also encourage you to get on the 10:00 conference calls Mon, Wed, and Fri. to stay up to date with the latest information.

Send me your old id and password and I will re-set you in the system for your MODAT.

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Paul,
Last time I spoke with you you stated that people could not walk in front of our closeures even in the water. I spoke with the Hatteras rangers on Sunday and they were letting people walk in the water past the closures to get around them.

Interp said that Mary Doll told them the parks directive was to let people walk in front of the closure.

Our resource people have been told by Doug and Britta that if people are knee deep in the water they can walk around the enclosures.

I know this is a pain but we don't know what is allowed, is it dependant upon the type of closure and the bird. We are expecting our first PIPL nest to hatch this week, can people walk in the water when there are chicks?

Also can you reset my MODAT password I think mine has expired. Thanks.