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Hey CAHA folks.

I've incorporated Mike Murray's comments into the table using track changes. In a nutshell, here's what he's done:

- Changed the ORV season for Alt E from October 1 – February 28 to October 1 – **March 31**
- Added a 100-foot minimum beach width for historic closure areas and village beaches under Alt-C and for village beach areas under ALT-E
- Under ALT-C, Opened Ramp 1 – Coquina beach to ORV from April 1-September 30th (was closed YR)
- Under ALT-C, inserted language that implies that a certain 1 or 2 mile section of beach would be closed (not the full reach as originally intended)
- Reworked the "Cape Point" area, but I can't read/understand his writing
- Opened Frisco Campground year-round under ALT-D in order to provide access from Ramp 49 to South Beach/Cape Point
- Some other tweaks that you'll see in the table (Ramp 27-30, Haulover to Buxton, etc)

His changes require some re-thinking of the rationale for the alternatives and changes to the Chapter 2 language. For example, ALT-D becomes less "predictable" with Frisco Campground being open year round and the others being closed year round. The reasons for opening that area make sense, but contradict the core of ALT-D as we currently have it. ALT-C becomes more seasonal, but loses the "historically closed areas stay closed" focus with his changes. By changing ALT-E's season to March 31, it becomes much more like ALT-C, thereby losing its "shoulder season" and some of its "increased management intensity".

Other issues:

- I don't understand what he's done with the Cape Point area. Need to ask Sandy to ask him.
- What's up with closing a "one mile section" or "two mile section" of a particular reach? These undefined "rolling" closures would be incredibly intense to manage, resulting in ALT-C being more intense than ALT-E. Not sure what he's getting at with this proposed change.

Let's discuss when everyone has time.

Thanks.

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		Alternative A – No Action	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E
Oceanside Location	Mileage	ORV Use Areas (X = No ORV use permitted, YR = ORV permitted Year Round) All ORV use areas subject to temporary resource closures			
Ramp 1 to Coquina Beach	0.9	OPEN YR (currently safety closure)	open April 1 - September 30 - why? X	OPEN YR X OK	OPEN October 1 - February 28 / March 31
Coquina Beach	0.3	X	OPEN October 1 - March 31 (March 31)	X	OPEN October 1 - February 28 / March 31
Coquina Beach (Ramp 2) to Oregon Inlet Campground	2.0	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR 1+2 100 ft. wide
Oregon Inlet Campground	0.3	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 - March 31	X	OPEN When campground closed UPPER beach Pass thru when CO open
Ramp 4 to end of Bodie Island Spit	2.2	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 - March 31	X	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements Same as (*)?
Rodanthe – Waves – Salvo village beaches	5.0	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	OPEN October 15 – April 15
Southern boundary of Salvo village to Ramp 27	4.6	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Ramp 27 – Ramp 30	2.2	OPEN YR	open Oct 1 - March 31 Close 2 mile section?	X	open YR
Ramp 30 – Avon village boundary	4.7	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Avon village beach	3.6	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN October 1 – March 31 1+2 100 ft. wide	X	OPEN October 1 – February 28 / March 31 1+2 100 ft. wide
Ramp 38 to Haulover	1.6	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Haulover to Buxton line	2.2	OPEN YR (current safety closure from 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 to 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43)	X Close 1 mile section April 1 - Sept 30	OPEN YR X OK	OPEN YR



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Buxton village beach	0.6	OPEN September 16 – May 14 (current safety closure)	Open Oct 1 Mar 31 Oct 1 X Mar 31 if ≥ 100 ft. wide	X	OPEN October 1 – February 28 if ≥ 100 ft. wide March 31
Buxton to Lighthouse Beach	0.9	X (current safety closure)	Open Oct 1 – Mar 31 if ≥ 100 ft. wide	X	X
Lighthouse Beach	0.4	X (current admin closure)	Open Oct 1 – Mar 31 if ≥ 100 ft. wide	X	OPEN October 1 – February 28 if ≥ 100 ft. wide March 31
Lighthouse Beach to Loran Rd (1/2 mi north of Ramp 43)	1.0	X (current admin closure)		X	OPEN October 1 – February 28 (*) March 31
Loran Rd. to Ramp 43	0.4	OPEN September 16 – May 14		X	OPEN October 1 – February 28 (*) March 31
Ramp 43 – Ramp 44	0.4	OPEN YR		OPEN YR	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
Ramp 44 – Ramp 45 <i>Cape Pt. 0.5 mi. west of Cape Pt. Rd 45</i>	2.0	OPEN YR	OPEN YR October 1 – March 31 <i>Open</i>	OPEN YR <i>(1 mile section) OK</i>	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
Ramp 45 to "Ramp 47" (end of Cape Point area?)	1.5	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – March 31 <i>April – Sept. 30 close 1 mi section</i>	X <i>(1 mile section)</i>	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
"Ramp 47" to Frisco Campground	1.3	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Frisco Campground	0.4	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – March 31	see notes X open YR	OPEN when campground is closed <i>upper beach pass through with gates open?</i>
Frisco Campground (Ramp 49) to Frisco Village Line	1.0	OPEN YR		OPEN YR	X

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Frisco village beach	1.0	OPEN September 16 – May 14 (current safety closure)	Open Oct 1 - Mar 31 X if ≥ 100 ft. wide	X	Same as C OPEN October 1 – February 28 if ≥ 100 ft. wide
Frisco Day Use Area to Hatteras Village line	1.5	OPEN YR (current safety closure)	Open Oct 1 - Mar 31 X if ≥ 100 ft. wide	OPEN YR open YR	OPEN October 1 – February 28 (*)
Hatteras Village Beach	2.1	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN October 1 – March 31 if ≥ 100 ft. wide	X	OPEN October 1 – February 28 if ≥ 100 ft. wide
Ramp 55 along ocean beach to southern ext of Pole Road	2.2	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Southern exit of Pole Road to Hatteras Inlet along ocean shoreline	0.9	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
Pole Road from NC-12 to Spur Road	2.3	OPEN YR	OPEN YR (overwash fans) except for ½ mile around Goose Creek Road only open October 1 – March 31	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Spur Road to Hatteras Inlet (soundside)	0.5	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	X	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
Terminus of Spur Road at Hatteras Spit to end of Hatteras Inlet Spit (soundside)	0.8	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
North Ocracoke Spit to Ramp 59	0.7	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirements
Ramp 59 to NC-12 MP 64	0.3	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR subject to carrying capacity requirement
NC-12 MP 64 to Pony Pens Area	5.5	OPEN YR (current safety closure)	X	OPEN YR	X
Pony Pens Area to Ramp 67	2.0	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR

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Ramp 67 to Ocracoke Campground	0.9	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN October 1 – March 31 (except for ¼ mile south of Ramp 67 is OPEN YR)	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – February 28 <i>May 31</i> (except for ¼ mile south of Ramp 67 is OPEN YR) (*)
Ocracoke Campground	0.3	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	OPEN when campground is closed
Ocracoke Campground (Ramp 68) to Ocracoke Beach	1.6	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	X
Ocracoke Beach/Ocracoke Day Use Area	1.0	OPEN September 16 – May 14	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	X
Ocracoke Beach (Ramp 70) – Ramp 72	1.8	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	OPEN YR
Ramp 72 to north end of South Point Ocracoke	0.6	OPEN YR	OPEN YR	X	OPEN YR
South Point Ocracoke	0.5	OPEN YR	OPEN October 1 – March 31	X	OPEN YR Subject to carrying capacity requirements

(*) under alternative E - ORV pass-through corridors provided during seasonal closure periods

Approximate Mileage Summary	A	C	D	E
Year round VFA		16.2	27.8	12.2
Seasonal VFA		22.8	0	18.5**
Year round open to all		27.0	38.2	35.3
Total	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0

** 4.5 miles of ORV corridors exist within the seasonal VFA for ALT-E