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Here you go, Mike.

If it fits the rest of your message, I'd be pleased for you to also quote my statement that the NPS is the most important single landowner and one of our most valuable partners in the Atlantic Coast piper recovery program.

Hope you have a good and restful weekend,  
Anne

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Thanks Anne and thanks for participating in the meeting. Despite the reaction of some, I thought it was very productive and has helped increase understanding.

I wonder if you could possibly send me an electronic copy of your slide showing the PIPL nesting comparison between the various NPS area and allow me to use the information (with or without attribution?) ? I am briefing our new Regional Director in Atlanta on 6/30 about some of our management issues and your slide is one of the most effective means I've seen to concisely portray the PIPL situation here.

Thanks again,

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Mike, Thayer, Britta, and Doug --

I want to echo Mike Erwin's appreciation for your time touring us around, and reiterate my admiration for the fine work you are doing under extremely difficult conditions. The birds (and turtles) thank you.

Several of us remarked on Monday evening about how very few herring and great black-backed gulls we saw on the closed beaches. I had been skeptical about similar observations by other folks at the time of the 2005 closure(s), but seeing is believing. At risk of overloading an already formidable monitoring effort, I wanted to suggest that you collect some index of gull numbers, perhaps every second or third day. Since it is likely that you will have staggered reopenings of the various sites to public use, you would be able to make lots of spatial and temporal comparisons to evaluate whether public access is a factor influencing gull numbers. Point counts of actual birds and tracks transects are both fairly efficient options, and each has advantages/weaknesses. I can send you methods descriptions from assorted reports, but Ted and/or Mike may have more detailed protocols ready "off the shelf" (or be able to recommend even better approaches). Given the role of predation in nest and chick survival, this information could help inform future management.

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