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Subject thoughts on Ted's thoughts(Document link: Anne Hecht)

Ted et al. --

Is there any reason why assessing effects of ORV closures on abundance of roosting gulls wouldn't be compatible with both your 2nd and 3rd objectives? I still encourage Seashore staff to implement informal collection of some gull index (even if imperfect), but our observations last week scream for a formal investigation.

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Subject Thoughts about future Oystercatcher research and monitoring

Mike and Russ,

I drafted some ideas about objectives for future work on American Oystercatchers that focus on the topics raised at the reg-neg meeting last week. Funding for our work on the Outer Banks expired last year, and although we have done our best keep the monitoring going this field season, I am currently trying to generate new funding to continue the work in the future. Continuing productivity monitoring and banding studies, and evaluating predator management programs will provide valuable information on the effects of management policies implemented under the consent decree.

Please let me know if you have thoughts about how we can contribute to resolving current conflicts over shorebird and ORV management, and if you have suggestions about possible funding sources to support the work.

Best regards,

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