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Subject: Re: Closures on Hatteras Island
Date: 07/07/2008 03:25 PM

Dear Jim,

Yes, I agree that it is a shame and wish that the powers above me and you would have looked at this a little closer but I am sure the Judge and the negotiators did the best they could. Needless to say this action combined with external forces has certainly hurt thousands of people; their vacation dreams, solitude, way of life, families and many independent small businesses. We can only hope that both the environmental groups and the user groups can work together as the Outer Banks is the magical place it is because we do work with mother nature and know that what we have is because of the environment in which we live. I do hope that you reconsider us as your choice on where to spend your time and reach out to your congressman and US Senators about how you feel.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts,
My best regards,
Carolyn McCormick

On 7/7/08 3:16 PM, "Jim Perry" <scooter520@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Mrs. McCormick,

I have been coming to the outer banks surf fishing for about 10 years, I thought you might be interested in knowing that I generally spend about 140 days a year on the island surf fishing and spend from 10,000 to 12,000 dollars in the local economy. I think that's about what it figured out to be for last year.. When I retired that was to be my pastime. Since all these closures of the prime fishing grounds have taken place, I haven't been to the island this year but twice. Once to Ocracoke where I generally start the spring drum fishing and then on up to Hatteras Is. and Cape Point as the water warms. Not the later this year due to the closures. A lot of my friends that retired and moved to the area have already packed up and moved to Florida, guess they had enough of this mess when it all transpired up north. I guess I want to be coming back either, what a shame, all the friends I've made over the years. They say we have 22 miles of beach to fish on, "Where". If it's not where I want to fish, why should I spend my hard earned money to come to a place where you are going to tell me where I can or can't fish. I know things have slowed down and I also know that the surf fishermen are the main stay of this area in the spring and fall. You might not see the outcome of all this mess this year, but you are certainly going to see it next year. The word is getting out now as to what the environmental groups have done to the islands. This area was known by surf fishermen all over the world. It is a shame that it will be something I can only tell my grandchildren about and they want to get the opportunity to experience it for themselves.

Jim Perry
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