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Mike

Mike,

Thanks for your personal attention. Two (2) non-endangered chicks closing this whole area (Bodie Island Spit) is absurd but I recognize your problem with the Con Decree.

Jim Keene

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

From: Mike\_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike\_Murray@nps.gov]  
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Hi Jim,

I checked with RM staff this morning about the status of resource activity at Bodie Island Spit. We still have two unfledged AMOY chicks: one in the narrows that hatched July 4; it is 21 days old today. When last observed the brood had moved about 70 yards south of previous location, but is still within the resource closure. If we see that this chick stay where it was last seen, then we may be able to reduce the north end of the closure a little further south (e.g., 70 yards) as long as we can maintain the 200 m buffer prescribed by the consent decree. The second unfledged AMOY chick is located near the SW corner of the spit near the bridge; it hatched July 6 and is 19 days old today. Also, there is a small least tern colony about 1 mile south of Ramp 4. A black skimmer colony near same location has apparently been lost to predation (per today's RM Report). We will continue to monitor these situations and reduce or remove closures when we can.

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Mike

Today I spent 1 hour & 40 min @ the Oystercatcher closure .1 mile south of ramp 4. During the entire time I did not see (while using binoculars for assistance at times) a single Oystercatcher within the expanded enclosure. Giving up my expedition at the closure I drove north to the closure south of Coquina Beach. While driving north I counted 19 oystercatchers on the oceanfront. On my return to the southern closure I counted 17 oystercatchers which I might add, were not overly disturbed by my vehicle. I know this can be taken as anecdotal information from an old man (spelled; beach bum) or it could be taken as a reason to reopen access to Oregon Inlet.

I have heard that our annual tern colony is in residence (it should be time for them to fledge or adjust) and our single plover nest surely seems futile. With the attention the plovers are getting as a result of the Con Decree, I think your techs should know the status of this nest.

Why can't Oregon Inlet be opened for our visitors his weekend?

Thanks in advance for your reply.  
Jim Keene

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