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Attached is a very rough draft "Night Driving Permit" for review. Obviously, the turtle information needs some editing. The information included, I feel, is needed. Maybe someone with some desk top publishing skills could create more space by reformatting. Please share this with others who I may have left off this mailing.

Michelle, I felt it would be nice to let folks know the chances of survival to adulthood, and have heard figures, but can't remember what they are. Is it possible for you to fill in those blanks?

Please review and comment to Norah Martinez by COB, Wednesday, August 6th, as I will be out of town.

Thanks all,

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Cape Hatteras National
Seashore

Night Driving Permit

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**2008 Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Night Driving Permit**

Name _____
(please print)

I have read and understand the seashore
night driving regulations contained in
this leaflet.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

This permit must be signed, dated and
carried on your person and is only valid
from September 16, 2008 - November
15, 2008.

Off Road Vehicle Use

Traffic Laws Apply to Beach Driving

- **Drive only on Marked ORV Routes and Comply with Posted Restrictions.** Driving on dunes and vegetation is prohibited.
- **Observe Posted Speed Limits.** 25mph September 16 – May 14, unless otherwise posted.
- **Any Law Applicable to Vehicle Use** on a paved road in North Carolina also applies to ORV use.
- A current, valid driver's license, valid vehicle registration, insurance and license plate are required on all vehicles. Only vehicles licensed for highway use are allowed on seashore beaches.
- Reckless Driving (ie. Cutting circles, throwing sand, too fast for conditions) is prohibited.
- Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- Open containers of any type of alcoholic beverage are prohibited in vehicles.
- Seat belt use is required
- Passengers riding on the exterior of vehicles or being towed by a vehicle is prohibited. Passengers in truck beds must be seated on the floor with the tailgate closed. Children in truck beds must be accompanied by an adult.

Regulations You Need to Know

- **Pets** -Must be restrained on a 6 foot leash or crated at all times.
- **Fires** – Are permitted on the beach below the high tide line, but never less than 100 feet from any vegetation. Fires must be no greater than 3 feet in diameter and contain no non-wood materials (ie, metal, glass, plastic). Fires are allowed from 6 a.m. until 12 a.m. (midnight). All fires must be fully extinguished before leaving.
- **Camping** – Camp in designated campgrounds only. Camping on the beach is prohibited.
- **Fireworks** – the use or possession of any fireworks is prohibited.
- **Feeding Wildlife (including gulls) is prohibited.** Feeding wildlife creates wildlife with no fear of humans and encourages aggressive behavior toward humans and other animals.
- **Metal detectors are prohibited.**
- **Remove all trash from the beach.** Please leave the area better than you found it.
- **Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski's)** – The launching and operation of personal watercraft is prohibited within Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sea Turtle Information

Cape Hatteras National Seashore provides crucial nesting habitat for three species of sea turtles. Loggerhead and Green sea turtles are threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The Leatherback turtle is considered endangered. Adult turtles nest on Cape Hatteras beaches from April through September, depositing up to 120 eggs per nest. Eggs hatch about 60 days after being laid. Emerging hatchlings use light cues and beach structure to find their way to the ocean, making hatchlings particularly vulnerable to lights. They will follow lights from houses, piers and headlights in the wrong direction and can eventually die from exhaustion or predation as they wander about the beach. Statistically, for every _____ hatchlings, only ____ will survive until adulthood. When driving at night on the beach, to protect these animals, please follow the guidelines below:

- If you see a turtle while driving, turn off headlights, use running lights, and move vehicle away from the animal.
- When parked on the beach use headlights only when necessary. Instead use flashlights or headlamps and consider using red lenses to chances of hatchling disorientation.
- Never shine headlamps, flashlights or camera flashes at nesting females or hatchlings. This may cause disorientation and hatchling death.
- Expanded nest closures extend into the water. Follow signs to walk

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and/or drive, where allowed, around the back of the closure. Tracks and tire ruts between the nest and water can trap hatchlings, causing hatchling death.