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From: [Mike Murray](#)
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Subject: Re: Sea Turtle Enclosure
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Consistency is always good but flexibility is also good. If no external has raised it as an issue then I would defer to Michelle's recommendation. Are we jeopardizing any turtle nests by the current practice? Is having less than 30' buffer increasing any risks or is it reasonable to decide on a case by case basis?

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From: Darrell Echols
Sent: 08/13/2008 03:01 PM EDT
To: Mike Murray
Subject: Sea Turtle Enclosure
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Mike,

I am really sorry to bother you, but I have another question. I found out today that 30-foot sea turtle enclosures are installed around each nest on Ocracoke, but have not been installed in other areas of the park. Enclosures ranging from 15-25 feet have been installed around sea turtle nests in other areas of the park (ie, Bodie Island), but the Interim Strategy requires 30-foot enclosures.

It seems that we should be consistent in our application of the enclosure, but if we install 30-foot enclosures around nests at Bodie Island, ORV access will be eliminated. This is the reason that park staff installed smaller enclosures.

In an effort to maintain some ORV access, I think that we need to install 30-foot closures around future nests, adjust closures around existing nests that do not preclude ORV access, and consider the 10 nests on Bodie Island on a case by case basis. This appears to be consistent with the Interim Strategy.

Thoughts?

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