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Subject: Re: Fw: Call for end to Reg neg
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Hi Sherri and Mike: Wow, Dr. Berry is surely in the ORV camp by the sounds!!

John and I need to talk about the next step. We obviously went through a solid peer review on the Protocols and John has copies of those, as do the authors of the individual chapters.

I think Dr. Berry is seriously misguided in a number of areas concerning the nexus of science, management, policy, and law. He also does not seem to recognize the importance of "expert opinion" when there are no peer reviewed publications, or experimental data, to cover every detail or recommendation. He also does not seem to recognize the concept of Adaptive Management which we promoted throughout.

I hope that the consent decree is still in place, and that the birds fared well this summer. I know things looked good up to mid summer.

I have a message in to John French this morning....

Cheers,
Mike Erwin

--On Friday, August 29, 2008 4:14 PM -0400
Sherry.Fields@nps.gov wrote:

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> Greetings John and Mike,
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> Well, the USGS management protocols produced for Cape
> Hatteras National Seashore continue to solicit interest
> and opinion from the stakeholders in the Outer Banks area
> (please see article below). I think we are really in the
> need for someone from USGS to respond to the protocol
> comments/questions at this time. Could you please let me
> know if you are available sometime in the near future to
> discuss options? The park is really not the best entity
> to describe or defend the USGS process or the content of
> the protocols. (Mike, I know you visited with the reg neg
> committee a couple of months ago but the topic then was
> really not on the protocols as a whole or the process for
> developing them.)
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> I will be out on leave next week but will make myself
> available if there is a time we can talk.
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> Thanks much.
> Sherri
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> Sandy and Sherri,
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> See attached local news media article calling for an end
> to the RegNeg process. The writer takes quite a slam at
> the USGS protocols as being opinions and not "science".
> Not sure how to address that, My understanding is that
> there was peer review but no formal peer review report or
> other documentation (not necessarily required by USGS
> process?) other than acknowledging the reviewers in the
> respective reports. I wonder if someone at USGS could
> provide us some language or explanation of the process in
> this particular situation that we might use in responding
> to questions when the issue comes up (it will come up).
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