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**From:** [John McCutcheon](#)  
**To:** [Mike Murray](#); [Darrell Echols](#); [Cyndy Holda](#)  
**Cc:** [Norah Martinez](#); [Paul Stevens](#); [Thayer Broili](#); [Britta Muiznieks](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Fair and equal  
**Date:** 10/08/2008 12:09 PM

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Mike,

Having pedestrians to not walk in front of a turtle closure in the intertidal zone is a unattainable and untenable situation for all. Enforcement and sign management does not work.

It may work if you have a person watchover that particular closure, which we can't do.

My recommendation is:

1. Allow pedestrians access in front of all turtle closures if we place signs facing the water.
2. Design larger signs that simply read "DO NOT ENTER" facing the water at the high tide mark or slighter higher on the beach.

All things considered...that's fair and equal.

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10/02/2008 09:13 AM

To Paul Stevens/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Britta Muiznieks/CAHA/NPS@NPS, John McCutcheon/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
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Subject Fw: Fair and equal

Hello,

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I am forwarding this email (see message below from Mike) at Mike's request. He seemed to be having Lotus Notes difficulties yesterday afternoon.  
Cyndy

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----- Forwarded by Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS on 10/02/2008 09:11 AM -----

**Mike  
Murray/CAHA/NPS**

To Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
cc

10/01/2008 05:30 PM

Subject Fw: Fair and equal

Would you please forward this message to the people addressed below. I keep getting kicked out of Lotus Notes when I try to send it to them.

Thanks,

Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras NS/ Wright Brothers NMem/ Ft. Raleigh NHS  
(w) 252-473-2111, ext. 148  
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----- Forwarded by Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS on 10/01/2008 04:29 PM -----

**Mike  
Murray/CAHA/NPS**

To Paul Stevens/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Britta Muiznieks/CAHA/NPS@NPS, John McCutcheon/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS@NPS

10/01/2008 02:56 PM

cc Michelle Baker/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Norah Martinez/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Thayer Broili/CAHA/NPS@NPS, Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS

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**John, Paul, and Britta,** Any advice on how to respond to this? (Have we written any tickets at Cape Point for this and not at other locations?)

*Comment:* I think we need a clear, defensible enforcement policy about pedestrians walking in the intertidal zone below an expanded turtle closure. It seems to me that it is unrealistic to expect people not to walk below the turtle nests at less than high tide the way we currently sign the closures (symbolic fencing stops near the tide line). I know it is tough to sign things at/near/ within the intertidal zone. If walking by below the tide line really is a problem to the turtles, then let's sign it as well as we can and enforce it. If walking in the intertidal zone really is a "no harm, no foul" situation (as long as people don't come up into the open side of the U-shaped filter fencing) , then let's sign it and enforce it that way.

**Darrell**, Would you please coordinate RM - LE discussion on this and come up with a recommended long-term approach that is simple to understand, communicate, sign and enforce.

Thanks,

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----- Forwarded by Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS on 10/01/2008 02:56 PM -----

"Bob Eakes"  
<bobeakes@aginet.com>

To "Mike Murray" <mike\_murray@nps.gov>  
cc

09/30/2008 07:14 PM

Subject Fair and equal

Hello Mike,

Not trying to be a problem but I was at Frisco Pier this afternoon, took my son for a little walk and I was surprised to watch pedestrians walking through the turtle closures, both of them, just north of the pier.

Now, they were at the tide line but if they were doing this anywhere close to Cape Point they would get a ticket.

I don't think that anyone walking below the tide line in the daytime below a turtle closure is hurting anything but I do not like the discrimination.

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This is NPS beach and they are not being monitored nor enforced nor anyone giving a care about the turtles there.

Thanks,

Bob Eakes