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Gordon,

It was good to talk to you this morning. See attached file for NPS laws and policies related to wildlife species management. The "no impairment" statement in the Organic Act and the long-standing policy that "when there is a conflict (between conservation and visitor use), conservation is to be predominant" are two of the fundamental legal drivers for the various policies. Key policy areas applicable to our issue are **highlighted in YELLOW**. Particularly see sections 4.4.1, 4.4.2 and 4.4.2.3. A key statement in Section 4.4.2.3 (see below) explains why, in addition to the "no impairment" clause of the Organic Act, the NPS interested in protecting the American oystercatcher whether or not it is a State listed species of concern.

The National Park Service will inventory, monitor, and manage state and locally listed species in a manner similar to its treatment of federally listed species to the greatest extent possible. In addition, the Service will inventory other native species that are of special management concern to parks (such as rare, declining, sensitive, or unique species and their habitats) and will manage them to maintain their natural distribution and abundance.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.



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