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Hi Jim,

The idea of using decoys at Cape Point evolved out of Natural Resource Subcommittee discussion and continues to be a subject of discussion. North Carolina WRC can probably answer your questions about its past use. Your collusion theory makes no sense to me--many claims were made in the complaint filed by the Plaintiffs, most of which had nothing to do with colonial waterbirds. The fundamental legal issue has been and continues to be the lack of an ORV management plan and regulation to meet the requirements of the Executive Orders and NPS regulation for legally authorizing ORV use.

Thank you for your continued interest.

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Mike, while listening to and watching the video of Fridays afternoon session at about one hour into the presentation you were talking about enhancing beach habitat on the upper south beach (of the point) to try to create habitat conducive to Colony Bird nesting with the idea of luring them from the east beach where they nested last year. You said that NCWRC used audio recordings and decoys to attract CWB to the spoil islands.

I know that Walker Golder and NC Audubon has worked very closely with NCWRC in boosting populations of these same birds on the spoil islands. It appears that this decoying works. It works so well that they have decoyed the CWB from the beaches of your Park. Since the Park boundary only goes into the sound 150 feet, and the islands are farther than that from shore, these birds cannot be used in NPS bird counts. Is there going to be a duel between NPS/FWS and NCWRC/NCAS in who can attract these birds to their beach habitat?

More important, considering the collaboration of NCWRC/NCAS in decoying these CWB from the Park and then NCAS/DOW/SCLC suing the Park for a lack of these same birds, NPS/FWS caving into to this suit, stinks to high heaven. How did this happen? How long have you known about the decoying of the CWB from the Park? This whole mess smells of collusion between State and Federal Agencies to force ORV users and Pedestrians from the Parks beaches.

Can you enlighten me if I am missing something?

Jim Harris