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Hi Michelle,

One of the Natural Resources subcommittee members submitted the following comment in response to our Night Access proposal:

[Comment by Dwight Rettie:](#)

The only place in this discussion that the word “volunteer” appears is at the first bullet under the topic “Management.” Does CAHA have any plans for organizing and supervising an appropriate role for volunteers in the turtle management scheme? If not, why not? Larry noted that Pea Island has an on-going volunteer program that he indicated showed some success.

Cannot some of the monitoring be done by volunteers? Especially at night during the window when nests are due to hatch?

It strikes me that just getting a volunteer program started could (1) engage the interested public in this potentially useful activity, (2) educate members of the public on the subject of turtle management, (3) serve as a source of intelligence on specific aspects of the program (perhaps especially the degree to which night users comply with the rules, etc.

If there is to be a volunteer role, now or in the foreseeable future, the framework for such a program ought to be included here, including its training, supervision, reporting and record keeping, etc.

Please be prepared during the subcommittee call this afternoon to response to the comment (though Dwight will not be on the call) and give a brief (1-2 minutes at most) description of how you envision structuring a volunteer program.

Thanks,

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cc "Rob Milne";  
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Pat and Mike,

I may not make the conference call tomorrow, though I will try, but in case I don't I thought I would send you an added thought about volunteers. See the addition at the end of Mike's draft. I thought Mike's draft was quite good.



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