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Dave,

Thank you for your comments. In response to several of your concerns:

- The Resource Protection Tables (attached) that was developed for the NPS ORV management alternatives provides all the details of our proposed turtle management procedures. I did not attempt to replicate all that information in full in the night access proposal. The Tables state that at "approximately 50-55 days" into incubation, we would expand the closure around a nest to the surf line, establish the filter fencing, and do the daily monitoring. I'm told that we typically do this expansion at day 50, but we gave ourselves a little wiggle room (50-55 days) in the plan in case of contingencies.
- With regard to the morning reopening time, as discussed in the call we think that picking a time is more manageable than saying the beach will re-open to driving after turtle patrol has checked an area. I understand your concern about minimizing the chances of missing a nest. Based on the discussion during the call it seems that there are conflicting priorities between a desire to reopen earlier for fishermen and ensuring that the turtle patrol has time to check the beach before vehicle are allowed back on the beach. We haven't figured out how to meet both objectives, may not be possible, but will do some further thinking on it.
- Good point about the adaptive management strategy needing to remedy the cause, if possible, of night access violations and not just rely on a 30-suspension of privileges before re-opening the opportunity. It was my underlying assumption, though not articulated, that NPS would have to be satisfied that causes of noncompliance that resulted in the suspension of night access would need to be adequately addressed before we would re-open the night access opportunity after the 30-day suspension. I will add some language though to clarify and qualify that section. Realistically, I also think that, based on when bird activity would likely close Cape Point (e.g., piping plover chicks in late May or early June), a 30-day suspension of night access that starts because of 3 violations any time after mid-May is likely to mean no night (or day) access is allowed until the end of the bird breeding season anyway.



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Thanks again,

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Subject RE: Information for Thurs call

Hey Mile. It seemed like the conference call yesterday had so many people involved it was difficult for all of us to express all our concerns. With that in mind, I've commented on your draft and have attached it here so you have them in writing. I hope these comments can be of some help to you. I really think you are doing a great job trying to address everyone's concerns during this very tough process. In the end, we know you can not keep all of us happy all the time. Thanks again for your extraordinary efforts. Have a good

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> All,  
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> Please see the attached first draft of a night access proposal created by CAHA staff for discussion by the subcommittee. The adaptive management portion of the proposal would likely benefit from technical review by persons experienced with adaptive management methodology; however, hopefully this first draft will serve as a starting point for discussion.  
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> (See attached file: Adaptive Mgt Proposal.Night Access.v1.12.03.08.doc)  
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> A reminder of our call tomorrow, to talk more about turtle management

and

> night driving. Also, I have us down to meet on Wednesday, 12/10 at 2

PM

to

> 5 PM (we have reserved the Visitor's Bureau again) to meet as a

> subcommittee

> just prior to our Committee meeting the following days. We can confirm

> this

> on our call tomorrow.

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> Thursday, December 4, 3 PM. The call in number is:

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