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Subject: RE: Fw: Waterbirds, vol 31(3) September 2008: Winter Ecology of Piping Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North Carolina, pp472-479
Date: 01/09/2009 07:17 AM

Hi Mike-

I just wanted to drop an additional short message as another PI/coauthor. We appreciate your interest in the study/article and would be very happy to answer any additional questions that you may have about it. We always work closely with the involved managers and are pleased when our work has continuing management implications.

Best regards,
Sarah Karpanty

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Fraser [mailto:fraser@vt.edu]
Sent: Thu 1/8/2009 6:15 PM
To: Mike_Murray@nps.gov
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Subject: Re: Fw: Waterbirds, vol 31(3) September 2008: Winter Ecology of Piping Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North Carolina, pp472-479

Hey Mike,

As I was one of the PI's on this, I suppose I should answer.

This study was carried out by Employees of Virginia Tech. This study was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who reviewed the proposal prior to funding it. It was conducted under an NPS permit though I can't put my hands on the permit at the moment, as well under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State agency permits. The permitting agencies reviewed the proposal prior to issuing permits.

We did this study cooperatively with NPS. We stayed in Park Service Housing, for example. I can't recall what, if any, peer review was conducted by NPS prior to issuing the permits but I can check my records on this if you like. I assume NPS also would have some records if this is a Park Service requirement. Marcia Lyons was a key NPS contact during the study.

The journal article cited was subjected to the normal peer review of the journal, which usually involves sending the manuscript to 2 or 3 referees qualified to judge the quality of the science, and review by the journal's editor and/or an associate editor.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have additional questions. I have copied Marcia and the coauthors and collaborators of this study for their information.

Cheers,

jim

At 05:15 PM 1/8/2009, Mike_Murray@nps.gov wrote:

>Hi Peter,
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>See message below. Would you please assist me with any additional
>information you can provide about the study (e.g., who funded it?) and the
>peer review process that was undertaken for the study and/or the article.
>Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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>Subject: Waterbirds, vol 31(3) September 2008: Winter Ecology of Piping

>Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North Carolina, pp472-479

>Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2009 10:28:46 -0500

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>Greetings, Mr. Murray.

>Thank you for my "four minutes" yesterday at the NegReg committee meeting.

>As promised, attached is the Virginia Tech article written by the lab of

>Dr. Jim Fraser. Waterbirds is the international, peer-reviewed journal of

>waterbird biology. The Oregon Inlet project was funded by the US Army Corps

>of Engineers and was originally intended to include PIPL use of Hatteras

>Inlet and Ocracoke Inlet. I trust that the article will be posted among the

>Committee's materials for each member to read.

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>Over the next few days I will attempt to write down and forward other

>germaine points about my winter at Oregon Inlet which time yesterday did

>not allow. I would like to emphasize that I came to the meeting on my

>initiative alone and not at the request or urging of any individual,

>institution or group.

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>Populations of many waterbirds are declining around the world. Along the

>Atlantic coast of the US, CAHA Nat'l Seashore is a critical link in the

>annual cycle of declining, threatened and endangered species each day of

>each year. I urge you to manage the Seashore in a comprehensive manner

>which at all times conserves these fragile resources now and in the future.

>I further urge the NPS to fund research such as took place at Oregon Inlet

>during 2005-06 winter in order to understand better the critical importance

>of the Seashore.

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>Breeding season research is logistically simple and the dynamics are

>largely understood for many species. The importance of wintering grounds,

>staging areas, stop-over sites and migratory corridors is acknowledged, but

>research is difficult and sparse, at least before electronic tagging.

>Absent good research management outside of the breeding season is

>difficult, but still critical. [I would assert that absent good research,

>prudent management should be more protective or conservative lest errors

>critical to declining or imperiled resources be made.]

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>Kindly advise if you have any questions or concerns that I might address.

>I have copied Jim Fraser and suspect that I can say that he also would be

>interested in answering any questions which you or your staff may have

>about the Oregon Inlet study or other issues.

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>Best regards, Peter

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>(See attached file: PIPLOregonInNCarticle.pdf)

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