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From: [Sherri Fields](#)
To: [Mike Murray](#)
Cc: [Timothy Pinion](#); [Steven Thomas](#)
Subject: Re: NPS peer review policy question
Date: 01/12/2009 08:54 AM

Hi Mike,

Yes there is a NPS policy/guidance on peer review though I'm not sure if it has been finalized/signed. I believe we sent the last draft we had out for park review back in November or December. In any case, the gist of it as it relates to this particular article is that if the research/report has undergone a scientific peer review as is required to be published in a recognized journal, no additional peer review is required by NPS. (This is my loose paraphrasing in that I don't have the document in front of me at the moment.)

I am cc-ing Steve Thomas our regional POC on the peer review guidance to see if he has any update regarding the status of the guidance.

Mike, let me know if you would like a copy of the last draft that we have.

Sherri

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cc: Timothy Pinion/Atlanta/NPS@NPS
Subject: NPS peer review policy question

Hi Sherri,

Happy New Year! Are you familiar with the "NPS policy on peer review" that the RegNeg Committee member is referring to below? We are not aware of such a policy and don't see anything like it in NPS Management Policies 2006. (He may be confusing us with the attached USGS policy that was provided to the Committee when we had discussions about the USGS protocols.)

Thanks for any assistance you can provide.

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SubjectFw: Waterbirds, vol 31(3)
September 2008: Winter Ecology of
Piping Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North
Carolina, pp472-479

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September 2008: Winter
Ecology of Piping Plovers at
Oregon Inlet, North Carolina,
pp472-479

Cyndy,

Has this document/study been confirmed to have received a positive peer review. As you must be well aware, the NPS Policy Handbook has a section that requires all studies must be peer reviewed. Please confirm that this study meets the NPS Policy.

Thanks
Patrick Paquette
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-----Original Message-----

From: Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov
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Subject: Fw: Waterbirds, vol 31(3) September 2008: Winter Ecology of Piping Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North Carolina, pp472-479

To: Reg Neg Committee Members
From: Superintendent
Subject: Follow-up document to public comment received at Jan 07, '09
Reg Neg meeting regarding Piping Plover research at Oregon
Inlet

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01/08/2009 10:34 AM Jim Fraser <fraser@vt.edu>
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Subject
FW: Waterbirds, vol 31(3) September
2008: Winter Ecology of Piping
Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North
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Greetings. Article file attached. PD

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Plovers at Oregon Inlet, North Carolina, pp472-479
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2009 10:28:46 -0500

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.

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.

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.

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.]

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.

Best regards, Peter

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