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Dear Messrs. Couch, Keene, and Hardham:

Thank you for your letter of January 20, 2009, regarding five inlet and spit areas in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area. You have requested that the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) recognize the identification of these areas as traditional cultural properties potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. You also have asked us to send you a Study List application as a first step toward a formal National Register eligibility determination.

Please note that the Study List is not part of the federal process toward a formal determination of National Register eligibility. Rather, it is part of North Carolina's National Register nomination process to determine if a property warrants additional study through the preparation of a nomination form. Please see the enclosed fact sheet on the State Study List and the list of deadlines for submittal in 2009.

Currently we do not have sufficient information on which to base an opinion as to whether or not the five areas meet the qualifications for listing in the National Register as traditional cultural properties. Very thorough Study List applications that approach the level of documentation required for a National Register nomination could provide the necessary information. As each area would be individually nominated, you should submit five Study List applications.

According to the regulations governing the National Register program, nomination forms for federal properties are prepared under the supervision of the responsible federal agency's Federal Preservation Officer (FPO). There is no language prohibiting a private citizen from submitting a completed nomination of a federal property to us, although the entire nomination process should be done in close coordination with the FPO. Upon receipt of a nomination directly from a citizen applicant, I review and comment on the adequacy of the nomination and the property's significance

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and make a recommendation regarding its eligibility before forwarding the nomination to the FPO, who is the legal nominating authority for federal properties. If the FPO fails to act on the nomination, the applicant may appeal directly to the Keeper of the National Register.

Enclosed is one Study List application which you may copy as necessary. If you would like a digital "fill-in-the-blanks" version of the application, please provide your email address and we will send it to you as an attachment.

If you have questions about our administration of the National Register program, please contact Peter Sandbeck (919-807-6583; peter.sandbeck@ncdcr.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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- State Representative Bill Owens
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