

From: Robert B davis
To: Mike Murray
Subject: Re: Night Driving at Spits
Date: 02/11/2009 01:07 PM

Mike,

Yes. Actually, the full committee needs to hear it. Night driving should be a non-issue. We have not heard sufficient information to ban it. There is no evidence here at CAHA to justify a night ban.

Bob

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Bob,

As always, thank you for your comments. Is this something you would like passed on to the "integration group" for consideration as they discuss the night driving issue?

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Night Driving at Spits

Dear Mike,

After examination of the Turtle maps for the 2008 annual report, it is obvious that the NPS approach to ban night ORV driving is untenable for all the spits in CAHA.

Under the Consent Decree there was no night driving on any spit in 2008. The maps show that there were no turtle nests on these spits. In addition there were no turtle crawls on Bodie, Hatteras, and north Ocracoke spits. There were two crawls below Ramp 72. These crawls were certainly not the result of human activity forcing Mom turtle to go away to some less optional site.

In light of this best science (data from CAHA beaches) you should make changes to the NPS management "Alternatives" and "Adaptive Management Proposal for Night Hours". These changes should provide for recreational ORV access to the spits at night. For the NPS to continue advocating ORV bans without factual justification would appear capricious and punitive to the villagers and the other visitors to CAHA.

Respectfully,
Bob Davis