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Mike

I have been disturbed and frustrated by what I have heard and seen after your comments in the status report with Judge Boyle. I have always thought you reflected a fair minded approach when dealing with the park (its administration, enforcement and hopefully its future), but the comments I have both heard from others and in the Island Free Press article about your comments to the judge question your fairness.

That is why I am writing to get your answers to the alleged comments made to the Judge. Did you state that the consent decree was the reason we had more fledged plover chicks? Have you not said in the past that the interim plan was the driving force in the success on the seashore in 2008 and not the consent decree? Although the Island Free Press article stated that, yes, more turtles nested and that this was the same as the entire Atlantic coast did you tell the whole story to the judge? Did you also state the amount of lost plover eggs and chicks on the seashore in 2008? Percentage wise was that not a greater loss than past years when less birds nested and although fewer chicks were fledged the percentage of birds fledged from chicks was greater? If, so did you tell the judge about these statistics as well?

The last day of Neg. Reg. two alternatives were put on the table and a vote for consensus requested. 1. The environmental/pedestrian was voted on and the results were 5 for, 3 stand aside (A vote for) and 16 against. 2. The access alternative was voted on and the results were 2 stand aside (The DFO and USFW), 5 against and 17 for approval. If we had taken three votes from members that were either there for very selfish interests or were just there to rubber stamp the three environmental groups that sued the NPS, we would have had only two against, Walker Golder and Jason Rylander. Did you tell the judge we had come that close to agreement?

I have come to distrust so many within NPS and the Department of Interior, should this include you?

Frank

PS: You had a complaint on me prior to the last Neg. Reg. meeting and I am sure that is what prompted the seating arrangement for the meeting. I just wish I had had a feather or two to pull out of my pocket and put on the desk by my papers. I am taking a few days R & R in the Keys with my daughter and her family but will be keeping check on the web.