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Subject: Fw: FISHING AT THE OUTER BANKS - APRIL 15 - MAY 15
Date: 03/23/2009 01:05 PM

Hi Bob,

Thanks for forwarding the recent inquiries. We are getting lots of similar questions too. "What will be open?" is a reasonable question for people to ask, but as you know it isn't an easy question to answer. NPS is working on a Frequently Asked Questions information sheet to help address recurring questions such as this. Until that is ready for distribution, we have been responding more or less as follows:

The consent decree remains in effect and requires that automatic, nondiscretionary buffers be implemented once shorebird breeding activity is observed. It is impossible to predict exactly when and where breeding behavior, nests, and closures will occur until it happens. The birds do tend to nest in the same areas each year. Based on recent years' nesting activity, it is highly likely that the prescribed protections will significantly restrict and temporarily preclude ORV access to Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point, portions of South Beach, Hatteras Inlet Spit, North Ocracoke Spit, and South Point Ocracoke during the portions of the spring and summer. Popular pedestrian beaches, including Coquina Beach, all village beaches on Hatteras Island, and Ocracoke Day Use Area will be open to pedestrians; and many additional miles of beach will be open to ORV access throughout the summer. For up-to-date information on currently open or closed areas, check the Seashore's Google Earth map at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

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> Well, a good question. We don't really know but expect more closures
> around the inlets and Cape Point. In other words the closures which
> kicked in with the judge's so called consent decree last May 4 will happen

> quicker and earlier.

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> Wish I could be more definitive but we don't have that good of crystal
> ball.

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> Bob Eakes

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> WHAT AREAS WILL BE CLOSED TO FISHING DURING THIS TIME. THANK YOU FOR A
> REPLY.