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I'm hoping to work with Tread Lightly or some other nationally recognized motorized recreation education program to develop an ORV education program specifically for Cape Hatteras. Under the future plan and regulation, the training would be required in order to obtain an ORV permit (similar to how many States require completion of a hunter safety or snowmobile safety course before one can obtain a hunting license or a snowmobile permit). In principle, Tread Lightly would help develop training content, method of delivery, and instructor certification, so that we could develop both an internet based training program, as well as a cadre of "certified" training instructors to provide the training in-person for those who are not computer savvy. Once the training program is established (2011?), perhaps future ORV violators could get credit for (or be compelled to) take the in-person training in order to avoid or reduce a fine. In any case, we have plenty of time to mull it over.

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We should look into this type of education as part of the long term permit process. I believe the US Attorney's Office and the courts would look favorably on this type of action. Looks like they have had great success at Biscayne.

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See below. I wonder if it would be beneficial to consider something like that for ORV violations after we implement the long-term plan and reg?

Fishermen With Illegal Take Have Option Of Fines Or Education

*By Didier Carod, Chief Ranger*

February 23, 2009

On January 2nd, rangers stopped a boat in Hurricane Creek for fishing violations. The fishermen had 49 mangrove snappers on board, a total that was 29 over the bag limit. Moreover, only eight of the fish were longer than the legal size limit of ten inches. Multiple citations were issued to the fishermen, including a \$1,575 citation for the bag limit violation and a \$2,125 citation for the undersized fish. Through an agreement with the Department of Justice, rangers can offer a fisheries education course as an alternative to paying a fine or appearing in court. The four-hour course, developed by the park's resource management staff, is designed to educate anglers on fishing regulations and responsible fishing techniques. To date, more than 93 people have participated in this course and no course participants have become repeat offenders. The captain of the boat will also have the option of taking the class as an alternative for the bag limit violation, but will have to pay or appear in court for the undersize fish violation.

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