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**Subject:** Re: Fw: From NPS.gov: FOIA request for information regarding Cape Point Closure  
**Date:** 04/21/2009 09:42 AM

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Alexy Abdo,  
Our receptionist forwarded your email to me from our general park information request email box.

You requested information on the report of the mating behavior of the American Oystercatchers that resulted in the closure of Cape Point.

On April 14, 2009, one of the NPS employed resource management biological technicians observed breeding behavior (scraping between the dunes and the ocean shoreline) in front of the area commonly known as "the bypass," which is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44. This trained and experienced staff member documented the behavior on daily log sheets as is the standard practice of our monitoring efforts in the National Seashore.

In compliance with the terms of the court ordered consent decree, NPS implemented the action of installing a required 150-meter buffer to protect the breeding birds. The closure, installed on April 14, 2009, was 0.2 of a mile in length and due to the narrow width of the beach, and the adjacent already established prenesting area to the west, it precluded ORV access to Cape Point. Pedestrian access to Cape Point was still permissible by walking 300 meters below the mean low tide line (outside of park jurisdiction). The 300 meters is a reasonably short enough distance for an experienced individual, who knows the fluctuating tide and wave action on the shoreline, etc. to walk below the mean low tide line to access the "limited access" stretch of beach to the south of the closure while staying outside of designated resource protection areas.

I hope this is helpful information for you.

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I would like the information on the report of the mating behavior of the American Oystercatchers that closed cape Point In CHNRS on Tuesday 4/7/09.

Specificly I would like to know the name of the person or entitty that observed the behavior if this behavior was photographed or videio taped. Additionally i would like the scientific data used to determine the behavior fell ainto the catagory of mating behavior.

Thank you for your stewardship  
Alexy j Abdo