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Hi Jim,

Thanks for your email and question on this. HQ will be putting out some "talking points" on this particular issue today.

My recommendation is that it is unwise and unsafe to walk almost a half mile in the surf (assuming that person is carrying some sort of gear) to recreation fish. From a legal standpoint, you are allowed to do so.

One should be physically fit, know <u>exactly</u> the tides, and know when it is safe to return. If a person is beyond the low mean tide mark (which will place him in the water at varying degrees - possibly at the knees to waist area <u>when it is near low</u> <u>tide</u>), then it is more than likely beyond NPS jurisdiction. Please keep in mind though that each area of the beach has different tide times (I know you know that, but does your friend...) Do not have anyone attempt crossing at mid to hide tide by walking - that person would be in violation.

Better yet, if one is so moved to fish CP. Take a kayak or boat. I am not recommending walking to CP given the length of the current closure due to safety.



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 04/23/2009 11:05 AM
 Subject
 Help with a question about Cape Point

Hello, John or Jim, I'm hoping you can answer this question. I have a friend coming in this weekend and he would like to walk to the Point to fish. Is this allowed? Last year he was able to walk in the wash and fish. Thanks, Jim