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June 23, 2009

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Dr Crow,

Thank you for the your letter of June 2, 2009 concerning the Study List application for Bodie Island Spit and Adjoining Beaches; Cape Point and Adjoining Beaches; Hatteras Inlet and Adjoining Beaches; and South Point Ocracoke and Adjoining Beaches. Based on your letter, we fully understand that the Study List evaluation is a rigorous process that requires a high level of documentation. We appreciate the opportunity withdraw the application prior to the review meeting.

We remain confident that the properties in question fully meet the criteria to be considered Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) eligible to the National Register of Historic Places and intend to resubmit them for consideration in the 8 October 2009 meeting of the National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC).

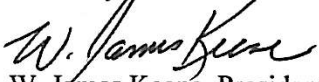
At the time of our original submittal, we were completely unaware of the publication *Ethnohistorical Description of the Eight Villages Adjoining Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Interpretive Themes of History and Heritage*. Given the limited resources of our organization, compiling the historical background and cultural context material required for a complete Study List application was essentially beyond reach. The above, exhaustive entohistorical study commissioned by the National Park Service is anticipated to immensely aid in the development of our pending resubmittals.

In regard to your letter of June 2, we would like to respond to several very important points. It is not claimed that modern (younger than 50 years) recreational fishing is the primary basis for the properties in question to be held in value by the communities. While recreational fishing a grown immensely in social, cultural, and economic significance over the last 50 years, this activity predates modern times and represents a continuation of historical practices. Much more importantly, it is not the exact nature of the activity historically undertaken that qualifies the properties for consideration as TCPs, but rather their broad pattern of cultural use that reflect the cultural traditions valued by long term

residents, as well as them representing locations at which communities have traditionally carried out economic and other cultural practices important in maintaining their historic identity. Access to the surf zone, and the four properties in question in particular, have traditionally not only economically sustained Outer Banks Villages but also have historically helped to shape and maintain the identity of those communities. Further yet, within Outer Banks communities, commercial fishing, sport fishing economic undertakings, pure recreational fishing, subsistence fishing, and social activities are inextricably intertwined and have been for nearly a century. It is these activities in sum, and the locations at which they are practiced that are collectively valued by long term residents of the communities.

We realize that Section 106 is a complicated process, and that the identification, evaluation and management of TCP present distinct challenges. However, we look forward to continuing to work with your agency in this matter.

Sincerely,



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