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Thank you for the update, we will check back and we will keep the information confidential.

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Any new closures for bird activity would be unexpected. If no new bird activity occurs, which is likely but not certain (that there will be no new bird activity), then there is a chance that we will be able to reopen access in the following areas:

South of Ramp 4 to Oregon Inlet could open before the weekend (ie., prenesting area could be reduced)
Some of South Beach south of Ramp 45 could open but it would not be "through access" to Ramp 49
Access to South Point Ocracoke could reopen during the weekend.

It would be best to check the latest status on Thursday or on Friday morning. Cyndy will in the office only during the morning on both days.

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Hi Mike,
We will be doing the beach intercept interviews Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this coming weekend. Do you know if there are likely to be changes to the current closures before or during the weekend? We just want to make sure our survey text is up to date.

Thanks,
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Carol,

In your various surveys you may receive comments about how long Cape Point was closed. Here are the facts, which may provide some perspective on the length of the closure under the consent decree versus what it could have been without the settlement:

April 14, 2009 - access to Cape Point was initially blocked by a closure for American oystercatcher breeding activity (thereafter numerous other closures occurred for various reasons).

July 17, 2009 - Cape Point reopened to pedestrian access

July 29, 2009: Cape Point reopened to ORV access

In other words, under the Consent Decree Cape Point was closed to pedestrian access for about 3 months (+ 3 days) and to ORV access for about 3.5 months. The closure during most of the Spring and part of the summer no doubt had some impacts, compared to if there were no closures. However, if the Plaintiffs Motion for a Preliminary Injunction had been granted, Cape Point and all the inlets would have been closed to ORV use year-round.

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