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Mike

Thanks for meeting with us Wednesday.

Was a similar meeting held with "environmental" parties?

Not sure if you saw the photographs taken of the Black Skimmers at Pea Island (just south of the groin at Oregon Inlet with Coast Guard station and Bonner Bridge in background). I can count 254 Skimmers in these photographs and there were others out feeding. Audrey Whitlock who is a "birder" counted over 300 Black Skimmers (not counting chicks) on another day, as well as some 300 Least and 30 Common Terns, at this site. Granted that she may not have the counting experience of a David Allen but she was not there to prove a point either. Since I don't recall much mention of Black Skimmers in the Weekly Resource Management Reports, once again, some will say that these birds are almost extinct at CHNS, which to me is just outrageous.

Thanks again,

Larry