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Outer Banks Group

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Superintendent Mike Murray
Cape Hatteras National Seashore
1401 National Park Drive
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mike,

I would like to thank you for affording Larry and me time to meet and discuss this year's nesting season. I realize that this is the first full year of the consent decree and the results are disappointing.

The following points should be noted from our meeting:

- Human disturbance obviously has not been a major issue.
- Predation and weather continue to be the major factors for the lack of nesting success.
- There were no violations of closures which resulted in consent decree penalties where the resource was ever harmed. Most of the violations were signage violations.
- There was no gain from the consent decree that the interim strategy – plan would have also provided.

I look forward to working with you to bring the seashore back under reasonable and responsible management.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Eakes