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Subject: Re: Fw: CHAC Tournament
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Hi Larry,

Thank you for your comments and for the report on the fishing tournament. I glad to hear it went well. As you know, there are different points of view about whether ORV use should or should not be allowed north of ramp 43. In the upcoming DEIS we will provide several options for management of that area for the public to comment on. In the short-term, I am not inclined to make a change in the current management of that area prior to completion of the plan.

I also have received and appreciate your comments about sea turtle management. After reading it, I have passed the information along to park staff and EQD for their information and consideration. While we do consider comments and information any time we receive it, since we are in the final stages of preparing the DEIS, my suggestion would be for you to also consider submitting the information, along with any other comments, during the upcoming public comment period on the DEIS.

Have a nice weekend!

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Subject Fw: CHAC Tournament

Mike,

Thank you for again for opening the extra six tenths of a mile of beach north of Ramp 43 for our tournament. The east facing beaches were so narrow this year, we had a hard time finding enough beach to put stations and this additional beach saved the day. The tournament went very well and we had our 120 teams plus 98 volunteer

judges. Far more judges than we have ever had before, which contributes to the popularity of our tournament. We still have 54 teams on our waiting list to get into the tournament.

David Carter spoke at our Captain's meeting and even came by the club on Friday (his day off) to inquire about the tournament. This has never happened before and we appreciate his thoughtful gesture very much.

Once again, Steve Thompson issued our permit including areas like Oregon Inlet and Ocracoke that we did not request and not covering the beach north of Ramp 43 that we did request.

I have had a chance to analyze the productivity of each fishing station and find that the seven stations (just 6% of all stations) that were in the added space north of Ramp 43 produced 39% of the scoring fish caught. This area was far and away the most productive area during the two days, and points out how important this area is to recreational fishing at the Seashore. I have been asking for this stretch of beach to be open to ORV use for years and again make the request. Pedestrians just do not use it. I have picture after picture of an empty beach at all times of the day and throughout the year. Please open the beach north of Ramp 43 for one mile to ORV use, even if it is only open during the time when driving is allowed in front of villages.

Thank you,
Larry

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