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**Cc:** [Michelle Baker](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Request for Exemption  
**Date:** 12/03/2009 03:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [LastTurtleNest2009.pdf](#)

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I was in contact with John Hammond (David Rabon's temporary replacement at FWS) today to see where the FWS was in response to our request for an exemption (i.e. postponing the installation of a full beach closure for our last turtle nest). Pete Benjamin was out of town and John had not yet seen our request. Fortunately, he was able to respond quickly so that we would not have to install the full beach closure. Below is the concurrence letter from the FWS. I'm assuming a hard copy original will follow. Darrell, Thayer, and I had discussed a while back that we would probably still have to run this by our solicitors to make sure that we are still in compliance with the consent decree.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Britta

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12/03/2009 02:41 PM

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Subject: Re: Fw: Request for Exemption

Hi Britta,

We have no objections to your proposal. Attached please find a pdf of our concurrence letter. Thanks for the background provided in your email below.

*(See attached file: LastTurtleNest2009.pdf)*

John

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12/03/2009 09:31 AM

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Luckily I checked your email again. You're fws.gov and not nps.gov!

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John-

I know this is a quick turnaround but unless we hear back from you today we will have to put the full beach closure in today. I know that Mathew Godfrey spoke to Pete Benjamin regarding this nest and neither of them had a problem with postponing the closure date. We will continue to monitor it on a daily basis and if there are any signs of hatching we will put in a full beach closure immediately.

(See attached file: 20091125 email Holda to Benjamin-Request for Exemption.pdf)

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