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> Dear Mike , Thank you for appearing at the Anglers Club last Saturday.
> During that meeting you were confronted by an angry man who complained
> that
> his retirement had been ruined by the Parks closure actions. He spoke as
> to
> how any economic analysis could not capture the degradation of our quality
> of life. I regret that this became a personal attack but support his basic
> complaint. Many of us have invested our entire savings to build a life
> in retirement on these islands because of our love for what this place
> represents. Natural beauty, expansive beaches and abundant wildlife, all
> accessible by motorized vehicles that assist our aging bodies. Perhaps the
> best part is the wonderful people that inhabit the islands with their
> friendship and caring for others. They do not deserve nor should they
> accept the inequities levied upon them by the Dept. of Interior.
> During
> the past NEG-REG we requested of you the information as to how other areas
> and agencies manage their sea turtle resource in order to evaluate CAHA
> methods. We were stone walled on that request and received only a diatribe
> from Sandy Mc Pherson on her opinion that turtles must be allowed to nest
> by natural means. This management carries with it the necessity for
> closures and denial of beach access which fitted right in with the CAHA
> procedures. I have observed many retirees waste their " golden
> years"
> by doing your job of gathering that information. What they have discovered
> is a severe indictment of the methods and motives of the agencies within
> the Dept. of Interior which are trying to alter ths Recreational Area.
> The people have a right to be angry. They are constantly reminded of NPS
> stupidity paid by public taxes. On every trip to Cape Point we drive past
> dead trees standing in mosquito infested swamp with flooded roads, ramps
> and campground, all because NPS won't get a permit to drain storm water.
> As
> you were admonished : the bulk of island storm water drains into Pamlico
> Sound which is considerably more environmently sensitive than the
> turbulent
> ocean that quickly dissapates discharge flow. With regard to your
> assertion that the lack of drain pipe out fall prevented NPS action, we
> are
> aware that a drain system still does exist. Perhaps in years past we
> couldn't afford piping all the way but pipes do exist along with storm
> gates and ditches that sometimes plug with sand and debris and need
> maintenance. Your position dos not hold up to public experience.
> We are also confronted with massive resource closures that can not be
> justified except as your response to pressure from the wealthy bird people
> who don't even live here. We watch as the D.O.I. marches to the drum beat
> of Defenders Of Wildlife as they seek to remove all ORV from federal
> lands.
> The anger of the island folk contnues to deepen. Your agency is a run-
> away
> train. Here and now it is your responsibility to regain control.
> Respectfully Bob Davis
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