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FYI

From: Larry Hardham [<mailto:hardhead@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Godfrey, Matthew H
Cc: Warren Judge; Allen, David H; Cobb, David T.; Myers, Gordon S.
Subject: Re: Sea Turtles

Matthew,

I have made errors in combining the species data that you sent to me and as a result my concerns expressed in the below are absolutely wrong. I had reversed false crawl and relocated figures and as a result the statements in numbers 2, 3, and 3 below are wrong. I also was wrong in my final paragraph and apologize to you and all who were copied. I should have double checked and did not.

Please accept my apology.

Sincerely,
Larry

----- Original Message -----

From: [Larry Hardham](#)

To: [Godfrey, Matthew H](#)

Cc: [Myers, Gordon S.](#) ; [Cobb, David T.](#) ; [Allen, David H](#) ; [Warren Judge](#)

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 11:35 AM

Subject: Re: Sea Turtles

Matthew,

Thank you for the sea turtle annual figures that you sent.

I am using only your figures for the years 2000 thru 2009 as this period represents a period of consistent sea turtle management at CHNS. In looking at your statewide figures, I notice the following:

1. When I add your figures for the total number of nests (all species) listed each year since 2000, the total agrees in only two of the ten years with those shown in the 2009 CHNS annual sea turtle report page 8 (which are attributed to you). This may not seem too important except that, as you are well aware, these figures are used by USF&W to calculate the percent of nests laid at CHNS as compared to the total laid in the state.
2. When I add your figures for "Nests Relocated" for all species each year and compare these totals with those reported by just CHNS and CALO, the statewide totals are less than just the two Seashores in three of the ten years. In fact the statewide total of 56 in 2002 would seem to reflect only the 56 relocated nests reported by CALO in their annual report.
3. When I add your figures for "False Crawls" for all species each year and compare these totals with those reported by just CHNS and CALO, the statewide totals are less than just these two Seashores in six of the ten years.
4. With regards to the statewide figures shown for "Nests with 0% hatch success", I can only conclude that since the other statewide totals do not seem to reflect complete data, these figures are questionable.

Frankly, I would have expected that these statewide figures would have been at your fingertips and had already been double checked for accuracy to reflect statewide sea turtle activity. The "Handbook for Sea Turtle Volunteers in North Carolina" on page 19 states "All permit holders must submit an annual report of all activities involving sea turtles or their nests." I can understand that you may not get absolute compliance with NCWRC mandated reporting requirements, but the figures you supplied would seem to show either lack of enforcement or poor record keeping on the part of NCWRC.

I hope that you can clear up the above listed discrepancies as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Larry

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From: [Godfrey, Matthew H](#)

To: [Larry Hardham](#)

Cc: [Myers, Gordon S.](#) ; [Cobb, David T.](#) ; [Allen, David H](#)

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:35 AM

Subject: RE: Sea Turtles

Hi Larry,

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request. The data that you asked for from NC are attached.

I don't have access to data from other states; I recommend contacting the sea turtle biologists of those states directly:

South Carolina - Ms. DuBose Griffin: griffin@dnr.sc.gov

Georgia – Mr. Mark Dodd: mark.dodd@dnr.state.ga.us

Florida - Dr. Blair Witherington: witherington@cfl.rr.com

Best wishes,

Matthew

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From: Larry Hardham [mailto:hardhead@embarqmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 9:51 AM

To: Godfrey, Matthew H

Subject: Sea Turtles

Matt,

Please provide the following annual statewide figures since 1997:

Number of nests

Number of false crawls

Number of nests relocated

Number of nests lost

Please provide this same information for SC, GA and FL if you have the figures or portions of information.

Thank you,

Larry

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