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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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March 3, 2010

James Keene, President
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Dear Mr. Keene:

This follows up on our meeting of February 5, 2010, and serves as a response to your letter dated October 29, 2009. We appreciated meeting with David Joyner, Chris Egghart and you regarding potential listing of certain parts of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in the National Register of Historic Places as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs).

We understand it is your opinion that Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point, Hatteras Inlet Spit, and South Point (Ocracoke) may constitute traditional cultural properties (TCPs) for the "community" or "communities" that are described in the *Ethnohistorical Description of the Eight Villages Adjoining Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Interpretive Themes of History and Heritage* (NPS 2005).

Over the past several months we have been discussing your proposal with National Park Service (NPS) technical advisors on traditional cultural properties. We are currently conducting an ethnographic analysis of the four locations that you have proposed as TCPs. Based on that analysis, the NPS will decide whether the National Register criteria are met.

We appreciate your interest in the protection and management of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Murray
Superintendent

cc: State Historic Preservation Officer, North Carolina