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AB,

I forgot to mention that the June 12 notification (below) about the peer review process preceded a June 17-18 full advisory committee meeting that was open to the public. On June 17 one of the topics covered at the public meeting was invited scientists providing an overview of the science relating to management of American oystercatchers (Ted Simons, NC State Univ.), piping plover (Anne Hecht, USFWS), and colonial waterbirds (Michael Irwin, USGS). Note: The June 17 discussion was not specifically about the "USGS protocols."

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03/29/2010 02:35 PM

Subject Fw: USGS Peer Review Process

AB,

I understand that one of our local reporters has asked you: "Why hasn't anyone spoken up before and explained that the acknowledgments were the list of peer reviewers?" The question of who reviewed the documents came up several times during our negotiated rulemaking advisory committee process, which ran from January 2008 through February 2009. On June 12, 2008, NPS notified all 50+ members (and alternates) of the negotiated rulemaking advisory committee that: **"The peer reviewers for each protocol document were identified in the "Acknowledgement" section near the end of the document."** (see below)

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To

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06/12/2008 12:10 PM

Subject Fw: USGS Peer Review Process

*To: Reg Neg Committee Members  
Forwarded to you from Mike Murray.....see message below.*

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Subject: USGS Peer Review Process

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Sandy Hamilton has looked into the issue of whether the USGS protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore were peer reviewed and determined that they were. See attached for a description of the USGS peer review policy. The peer reviewers for each protocol document were identified in the "Acknowledgement" section near the end of the document.

[attachment "502\_3 - Fundamental Science Practices Peer Review.mht" deleted by Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS]

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