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May 6, 2010

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Subject: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) request for an extension of the comment period for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Project #10-E-0000-0331

Dear Ms. Green:

This responds to your email of May 6, 2010, requesting additional time to submit DENR's comments on the DEIS. The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Federal Consistency Determination process allows for a 15-day extension pursuant to 15 CFR 930.41(b). Under this process, comments from the N.C. Division of Coastal Management, a sub-unit of DENR, will be granted an automatic 15-day extension to the 60-day review period for the Consistency Determination.

We understand that the Division of Coastal Management gathers comments from other state agencies in its response, which would therefore include DENR's comments. We acknowledge the March 12, 2010 letter from Mr. Stephen Rynas indicating receipt of the subject document on March 10, 2010, and accordingly are extending the comment period for the Division of Coastal Management to respond to the NPS Consistency Determination by 15 days to May 24, 2010. This is not an extension of the 60-day public comment period under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which closes May 11. Requests to extend that comment period have not been granted.

We appreciate DENR's interest in the management of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Murray  
Superintendent