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Britta,

Would you or Doug please call Jon Altman at your convenience to find out the rationale for "In general, the shoreline is open to pedestrians" as described in the first paragraph of their weekly update. For example, is it based on legal guidance (such as the NC public trust doctrine for the intertidal zone), biological studies (that show it does cause disturbance, etc.), or something else (such as management discretion)? Under what circumstances, if any, would they close the shoreline to pedestrians (for example, if there was obvious human disturbance of nets or chicks)?

Just curious, since the "shoreline access" they allow makes closures seems "more reasonable", but I wonder how well it works for the birds.

Thanks,

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Update May 13, 2010

Please see attached.



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Cape Lookout National Seashore
As of May 13, 2010

Management Activity

Routine monitoring of bird (Since March 15th) and sea turtle activity (Since May 1)

Closure Summary: Shoreline Closures to Motor Vehicles are seasonal or temporary.
(Except for Shackleford Banks, the swim beach closure from Ramp 41 to Ramp 42 and Power Squadron Spit west of the Jetty.)

In general the shoreline is open to pedestrians, exceptions will be posted. Boaters can expect interior bird closures, signed closed to all entry, at the inlets and points from April 1 to August 31. Boaters are encouraged to land within 0.25 mile of the inlets. This allows pedestrians to walk the inlet shoreline for access to the ocean shoreline

Bird Closures-

- South Core Banks- The 0.5 mile tip of Cape Point is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks. Ocean beach access to the rock jetty is still passable.
- South Core Banks- From ramp 24 to Ophelia Inlet is closed to motor vehicles as of 5/13/09 due to Piping Plover chicks hatching. There is no detour.
- South Core Banks- From ramp 33 to ramp 34 is closed to motor vehicles for American oystercatcher chicks, detour to backroad is open

Piping Plover Summary:

- South Core Banks- 11 nests to date, 6 active nests, 5 nests lost
- North Core Banks- 16 nests to date, 16 active nests, 0 nest lost
- Shackleford Banks- 0 nests

American Oystercatcher Summary:

- South Core Banks- 25 nests to date, 16 active nests, 2 broods, lost 7 nests to date
- North Core Banks- 32 nests to date, 21 active nests, lost 11 nests to date
- Shackleford Banks- 6 nests to date, 4 active nests, lost 2 nest to date

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Cape Lookout National Seashore
As of May 13, 2010

Colonial Waterbird Nesters:

South Core Banks- 3 active mixed colonies
North Core Banks- 4 active mixed colonies
Shackleford Banks- 0 colonies

Seashore Sea Turtle Nesting Activity to date:

North Core Banks- 0
South Core Banks- 0
Shackleford Banks- 0