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Cc: [Britta Muiznieks](#); [Thayer Broili](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Cape Lookout National Seashore Natural Resource Update May 13, 2010
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Thanks

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Mike,
I talked to Jon, and he said the actions are what are called for in their [interim protected species management plan](#). They do not follow the PIPL Recovery Plan guidance for pedestrians and chicks (300m) and the only time they've closed the shoreline to pedestrians was when the buffer (150') extended into the intertidal zone, which he says is rarely the case (once). Pedestrian disturbance isn't an issue due to the low visitation and remote areas, but he said in some of the busier areas, if such disturbance were to occur they would close the beach to pedestrians.

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Update May 13, 2010

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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