May 28, 2010 Conference Call

Participants:

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Discussion Items:

1. Business Survey Report

RTI has completed the report and Carol thought she had sent it to Sandy. Report may have been lost when Sandy's computer crashed. Carol will send a copy this afternoon to Sandy and Doug.

2. Non-contact Counting

RTI has finished the counting, completed the weighting, and has an estimate of the number of ORVs on the beaches. The report has not been completed. Carol will send their estimates now and the report by June 11th.

Miscellaneous Note: Carol thought that the induction loop counters may be counting cars going both on and off the beach; the RTI counts could be used to verify this. Carol indicated that the non-contact counts include license plates, so that information could be used to supplement existing visitor intercept survey results regarding where visitors are coming from. In the winter, license plates noted have all been NC.

3. Visitor Intercept Survey

RTI is in the middle of this process and trying to determine the schedule for completion. The August 2009 survey didn't yield large responses due to low numbers of visitors on count days because of poor weather conditions. RTI may shift some of the upcoming spring surveys to the summer 2010 season so that they have more surveys during peak visitation. RTI expects surveying to be done by end of July 2010 and report to be complete by the end of August 2010. Sandy will check the schedule to determine if that date is too late and if it needs to be moved up. Carol will summarize the responses obtained from the surveys to date. A call will be scheduled for the end of the week of May 31st or the following week to discuss the preliminary results with the park. Carol will be available before 3:45 PM ET.

4. Cost-Benefit Analysis

RTI is still working on this. Sandy thought that it was due to EDQ in the middle of May. Carol will check on their progress and get back to Sandy on when it will be available.

5. Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Are there lingering questions regarding fish house receipts and special-use permits for kiteboarding businesses? Sandy will check with solicitor's office on this issue. Carol said that she would write-up the section on indirect impacts in the meantime.

6. Budget and Scope

RTI and EQD will discuss budget/scope issues at 1:00 MT Friday when Carol would be back in the office with contract in hand. Sandy will email the contract to Carol. The # of trips needed will be considered based on the results of the surveys to date after they are summarized.