

From: [Mike Murray](#)
To: [Sandra Hamilton](#)
Cc: [Doug Wetmore](#)
Subject: Re: village or in the ramp areas closed for CWB activity
Date: 06/07/2010 11:36 AM

Sandy,

This "issue" applies (potentially) to all non-listed shorebird species, although the actual examples we've had the past two seasons are primarily LETE. The actual situations have involved complete closures of ramps (and usually the pedestrian boardwalk associated with the ramp) to all recreational use. When breeding activity has been observed within the prescribed buffer distance of a village beach (which already had the seasonal ORV closure in effect), we have followed the consent decree Paragraph 17 philosophy and not implemented a full-sized buffer (i.e., pedestrian closures).

The bigger issue is not the specifics of which species or ramps are involved, it is whether or not we are going to: 1) give absolute priority in all situations nesting shorebirds in ALL locations (i.e., any where / every where they demonstrate breeding behavior would be given the full buffer); or 2) can/will there be some locations (such as in front of the villages and day use beaches) where recreation is given the priority? I am seeking a systematic way of doing the latter.

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06/07/2010 12:59 PM Subject: Re: village or in the ramp areas closed for CWB activity

Thanks, Mike. Do you mean closed to both ORV and pedestrians for both ramps and village beach?

And one other clarification, please: are you suggesting the possible solutions to

apply to LETE or to CWB, or to all non-listed species. The 2nd bullet in the statement of the issue refers to "non-listed speceis, but the description of the issue refers to LETE.

Thanks.

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06/07/2010 10:05 AM

Subject Re: village or in the ramp areas closed for CWB activity

Sandy,

These have varied over the past few years, but it is clear that LETE are "expanding" their nesting territory (i.e., nesting in more places that we would not have expected a few years ago). At various times, Ramps 23, 27, 30, 44, and 45 have been closed due to shorebird buffers. Currently Ramp 23 is closed due to LETE activity, which extends (intermittently) north to the Salvo boundary (a 100 m buffer for LETE nests or a 200 m buffer for LETE chicks would extend almost those distance into the village). Last year, we had a similar issues at the north end of Avon: LETE activity just north of the boundary; buffer, if fully implemented, would have closed the beach in front of houses in the village.

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06/07/2010 11:48 AM

Subject village or in the ramp areas closed for CWB activity

Hi Mike,

Would you email us a list of these? Thanks.

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