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Subject: Re: Please draft response
Date: 06/08/2010 11:13 AM
Attachments: [Natural Resource Management Activity Update June 3, 2010.pdf](#)

Mike-
Here's an attempt at a draft response.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore receives a lot more vehicle traffic than does Cape Lookout and therefore the potential for disturbing birds during breeding activities is much higher at Cape Hatteras than at Cape Lookout. Part of the impetus for the lawsuit that was brought against the Seashore was for failure to protect nesting birds during all stages of breeding. The Seashore had been documenting a declining trend in the number of AMOY pairs nesting on the Seashore since 2001 and felt there was a correlation with the increasing number of vehicles/visitation at the Seashore. We believe that disturbance prior to actual nesting as well as during nesting contributed to the decline in nesting pairs and feel that protecting them during these stages is necessary. We feel that protection from disturbance is necessary if we want to maintain a stable or growing population of American oystercatchers on the Seashore.

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06/07/2010 02:12 PM

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Britta,

See Larry's message below. Please draft a brief response for me to use. Okay to consult with Jon Altman if you think that would be helpful.

Thanks,

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Mike,

Notice that there are no closures for AMOY until chicks are on ground at CALO. I realize that consent decree controls what is done now but does not for future.

Larry

--- On Thu, 6/3/10, Jon_Altman@nps.gov <Jon_Altman@nps.gov> wrote:

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