

From: Frank Folb  
To: Mike Murray@nps.gov  
Subject: Re: PIPL chicks at Cape Point  
Date: 07/12/2010 03:25 PM

Mike,  
Thanks for the reply. This reply is just I expected and also shows the integrity of Doug, Britta, Michelle and the others that did the monitoring at Cape Point.

Frank  
----- Original Message -----  
From: <Mike\_Murray@nps.gov>  
To: "Frank Folb" <ffffl@mindspring.com>  
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:14 PM  
Subject: Re: PIPL chicks at Cape Point

> HI Frank,  
>  
> (I'm not sure which part of your message to reply to, but assume it is the  
> question about where the PIPL chicks foraged at Cape Point this year. See  
> response below.)  
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> Seashore Resources Management staff closely monitored the piping plover  
> chicks at Cape Point again this year. There were no observations of  
> unfledged PIPL chicks foraging outside (east of) the original pre-nesting  
> area along the eastern shoreline north of the point. In general, the  
> interior ephemeral areas, as well as the mouth of the small pond, stayed  
> moist for most of the time that there were PIPL chicks on the ground and  
> this is where the chicks were consistently observed foraging. In terms of  
> distances, the easternmost location where the chicks were seen foraging  
> was  
> approximately 25 - 30 meters (82 - 98 ft.) inside the original prenesting  
> area.

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> cc  
> 07/09/2010 02:50  
> PM  
> Subject  
> Fw: Turtle on Ocracoke

> Mike,  
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> I have not received any answer to this email from Cyndy. I am forwarding  
> it  
> to you now in the hopes you will give me the answers.

> Frank  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Frank Folb  
> To: Cyndy\_Holda@nps.gov  
> Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 3:38 PM  
> Subject: Turtle on Ocracoke

> Cyndy,  
> It is a shame that anyone is having to deal with this happening and  
> especially under the environment of the DEIS and consent decree in place  
> at  
> this time.

> I; however, have statements to make and questions that need answers. After  
> have had it posted on my website by a visitor to same I have given the  
> following reply:

>  
> If NPS had really wanted to catch this person on Ocracoke Island they  
> should have been able to do so. With the pictures that accompanied this  
> photo had NPS immediately called for help from local law enforcement,  
> NCBBA, OBPA and Cape Hatteras Anglers Club they could have had enough  
> manpower to check the undercarriage of every ORV on the "ISLAND" of  
> Ocracoke where the only way off is by ferry, boat or plane and found blood

> stains on the undercarriage of said vehicle. But then again maybe it was a  
> government vehicle that did the deed. They were the only allowed vehicles  
> on the beach when the turtle was killed.  
>  
> Food for thought!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
>  
> I also would like to thank NPS for being honest in their posting that it  
> was the first and only such incident reported on the seashore ever but  
> regret that the nest having been run over with eggs destroyed was  
> included.  
> I do agree with the posts that think the way the picture with eggs  
> stretched out was contrived as well as wonder if the amount of damage to  
> the turtle could possibly have been by a boat and the turtle came up dying  
> and was run over dead. The cuts on the back look much like a propeller cut  
> from the picture. Hopefully the necropsy of the turtle will reveal some  
> better truth, but dead or alive some vehicle did run over and drag the  
> turtle in what looks like a deliberate manner.  
>  
> I am very unhappy with the release by SELC on the turtle and the extended  
> twist of truth about the Plovers.  
> The birds experienced the best weather patterns for success in many years  
> and I guess you might say the predator management at Cape Point is  
> succeeding, but I do not see any proof that there were any reasons that  
> the  
> consent decree closures helps these birds in any way. I do have a  
> question.  
> Does Doug, Michelle or someone have records of if there were any times  
> that  
> any of the plovers went outside the prenesting closures onto the east  
> facing beach area or Cape Point?  
> NPS has been put into a management situation that they have not been able  
> to control by not having enough manpower to enforce the closures and/or  
> capture the first closure vandalism suspect. Not local NPS, but NPS  
> regional and in DC who have failed to properly finance this seashore are  
> the real reason this occurred and I hope that the access organizations  
> come  
> out with public releases that agree with my statements.  
> Please pass this email over to Mike and let me know your thoughts on my  
> comments as well as any answers to the questions I have included.  
> Frank Folb  
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