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Mike-

Beach fires could potentially cause take but may not in all instances. I like your revised wording better than what they had in the response statement.

From May 1 to November 15, the restriction of fires to certain developed areas of the Seashore would limit and reduce the potential disturbance of nesting **females** turtles and emerging hatchlings.

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Thanks Britta,

What is your opinion about the following response on page 93 (underlined portion and question about it)?

**Response:** After considering public comments received regarding beach fires, the NPS has modified alternative F to allow for beach fires throughout the Seashore from November 16 through April 30, until 10 pm. This would allow users to have beach fires anywhere in the Seashore, outside of the turtle nesting season. As noted under alternative F, a free permit would be required for this use. From May 1 to November 15 (turtle nesting season), beach fires would be limited to within the village beaches and developed day use areas (Coquina Beach, Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Lighthouse Beach, Frisco, Frisco Day Use Area, Hatteras Village, and Ocracoke Day Use Area) so as not to disturb turtle nesting activities at other locations. From May 1 to November 15, the restriction of fires to certain areas of the Seashore would assist the Seashore in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as allowing beach fires during peak emergence for turtle nests throughout the Seashore would be considered an incidental take. Is this true?

If the statement is not quite right, please suggest an edit to make it accurate. For example, instead of making the statement about incidental take, could we simply say : From May 1 to November 15, the restriction of fires to certain developed areas of the Seashore would limit and reduce the potential disturbance of nesting females turtles and emerging hatchling.

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Mike-

I have added my comments into the version you provided below. As requested, I added a paragraph on why relocation or a captive breeding program for PIPLs would not be a good idea (Pg. 128). One other thing that I saw in a number of places was a reference to 105 meter buffer around turtle nests. When I read this I think of a circular buffer as we have for birds. I modified this to read 105 meter wide buffers. Table 10 (Pg 125) of the DEIS correctly explains the way buffers will be installed- "On the landward side of the nest, the closed area will be expanded to 15 meters from the nest where possible, but no less than 10 meters landward from the nest."

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The attached version includes my, Thayer's and Jon Anglin's edits. There are still a few items, which yo can ignore, that need Doug Stover's or LE's input. I'll deal with those.

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