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RE: South Point Pedestrian Access/Open Beaches

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Kenny

Is the continuance of the closing of the "tip of South Point" a necessity? What purpose does it serve for Winter Birds? Is this a new policy? Given the storm surge, relative to protecting Turtle Nest can a nest survive the water? If so, when will the Turtle Areas be opened? Do the "restrictive turtle nest areas" block access as to continuing past them on the beach? If so, can the restrictions be placed in such way to not barricade the continuance of beach driving beyond the nesting area?

It appears that based on the Winter Closing the tip will be closed pretty much for the entire year? This area historically has been most important to the Surf Fisherman who use the Park. The Surf Fisherman are extremely important to the local economy given they come in the shoulder seasons (extend our season of business). Without access to what they perceive as "good fishing areas", in my view they will be "at risk" as tourist to the Island?

This matter is very important! Please pass this along to whom you consider provides input as to "decision making" as to Park Access. A "response" is appreciated!

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To: Wayne Clark

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Good Morning Wayne :

All Birds have fledged from the southpoint area at this time... So the bird season is all done down there.... we will continue to have the very tip area closed for winter birds... There are no turtle nest south of Ramp 72 (South Point Road) at this time.

As for entering with a boat at the closed area of Souht Point on the inlet side you may enter with a boat and pedestrians can walk in that area...but you will not be able to enter the sound side area due to winter closures is still there. We have tryed to put signs on the sound side but they continue to wash out all the time.

If this does not make sense call me at the office or call Jocelyn Wright out Bio Tech Supervisor ...

Hope this will help..

Kenny