

Fox, Lori

CAHA# 2532

**From:** Smith, Spence  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 12:30 PM  
**To:** Fox, Lori  
**Subject:** RE: CAHA chapter 3

Lori,

page 224: the only purpose for an adult sea turtle to come ashore is to nest and are thus referred to as nesting turtles, regardless of whether or not an actual nest is laid - their intention is to lay a nest. Only instance where a non-nesting adult may be on the beach is if it is stranded - but in this case, there will not be a crawl, especially to the upper beach. A stranded turtle is generally washed up on the beach because it is either dead or in a weakened state either due to either cold stunning or injury.

page 224: As indicated from the wording in the annual report, the fire pit was still warm when the NPS discovered the crawl tracks. "The tracks were documented as coming right up to a still warm fire pit, at which point the animal turned around and went back into the water."

I would reword the text in the EIS to: "In 2009, the NPS documented tracks of a nesting sea turtle crawling up to a fire pit which was still warm upon discovering the crawl. The crawl tracks indicated that the female sea turtle then turned around and went back into the water without laying a nest."

DW7 comment: The original and corrected numbers came from the Seashore (original numbers came from Michelle, revised numbers calculated by Britta.) Britta's explanation of why numbers differ slightly is below and come from the pers comm email cited in the EIS:

I excluded 2005 data from the calculations because no reason is stated for the relocation and there was no annual report that year. According to the corrected database 29 nests were relocated but according to the GIS database 26 nests were relocated. The GIS database has not yet been updated to match the corrected database. Unfortunately for the relocated nests there is no original nest site location vs relocated nest site location so I could not determine if the GIS database has the original or relocated nest site. I looked through the corrected database and came up with the above numbers for relocations which closely approximate the numbers Michelle had provided before but they now add up to 100%.

If you need anything else on these, let me know.

Cheers,  
 Spence

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**From:** Fox, Lori  
**Sent:** Tue 9/21/2010 7:11 PM  
**To:** Podolsky, Richard; Smith, Spence; Lippmann, Kiersten  
**Subject:** CAHA chapter 3

Well we are now on our second internal draft of CAHA, wahoo!

I have a question for each of you, and ask that you reply to this email with the answer, rather than inserting it in the document – here it goes...

Richard – can you look at the language for Hoopes 1993 (on pages 210 and 211) and confirm that this information is in the Cape Cod study, so we don't have to cite the thesis, which is not in our hands?

Richard, also see comment from doug on page 235 (or around there) about using other species for back up – can we provide rationale as to why this example is a good one to use, even though it is a different species in a different area?

Spence, see comment DW7, pg 216 and see if you can reply, also see DW comments on page 224 and reply

Kirsten – the sounds text you wrote is inserted on page 258/259, can you take a look at that comment, they want it directed more towards shorebirds. Not asking for new research, but can you take the text you wrote and hone it down a bit?

That is it for Chapter 3, I will let you know if I have chapter 4 questions tomorrow.

Thanks!

Lori

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