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 Subject: Re: turtle nest count  
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I thought I made those corrections in my revisions to Chapt 3 which only made it to Sandy last Thursday. There was a total of 153 nests this year, 146 loggerheads and 7 greens. I know that on one of the conference calls I had mentioned the 150 loggerhead nests was incorrect. I had had a conversation at one point with someone that we had reached 150 nests (the season was still in progress) and someone made the assumption that those were all loggerhead nests.

I would say that these are final numbers. There is a very small chance that we may have another nest this year. We did have a nest on October 7th last year but I would consider that to be more of an anomaly than the norm. I believe that it is the only October nest that we have ever documented in the seashore. If we are now going to call these final numbers then we probably want to add it to the average nest numbers from 2000-2010 as well (pg 214).

Between 2000 and ~~2009~~ 2010 the average number of loggerhead nests at the Seashore was ~~79~~ 85, with the lowest number of nests occurring in 2004 and the highest number of nests occurring in ~~2008~~ 2010 (figure 13) (NPS 2007e, 2008a, 2009c, 2010a; Baker pers. comm. 2009a, [Muiznieks pers. comm. 2010](#)). ~~However, in 2010 a record-breaking 146 loggerhead nests were laid at the Seashore. The Seashore experienced a record-breaking year in 2010 when 146 loggerhead nests were documented (Muiznieks pers. comm. 2010b). Turtle nest numbers for the Seashore in 2010 are current through August 27, 2010; however, as of that date the nesting season is still ongoing, and the final number of loggerhead nests for 2010 may differ.~~ While only 40 loggerhead nests were laid at Cape Hatteras in 2004, it was a poor nesting year for the entire southeast Atlantic Coast (NPS 2005c).

Year	CAHA	STATE TOTAL
2000	80	754
2001	73	655
2002	94	693
2003	83	862
2004	40	333
2005	63	645
2006	72	763
2007	73	535
2008	108	890
2009	101	614
2010	146	

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Info currently in Chapter 3 of the FEIS indicates that we have had 150 loggerhead nests and 4 green nests in 2010. It also indicates that the data is current as of August 27, 2010.

What are the correct 2010 totals for loggerheads and greens? (I thought we had a total of 153.) Is it safe to say the totals are "final" now or should we say "as of October 5, 2010"?

Thanks,

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