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Mr. Upton,
Please see the answers in CAPITALIZED BOLD **BLUE** (if your computer picks up the color in text) below your questions.

Thank you for your interest in Cape Hatteras National Seashore and I hope this information is helpful to you.

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There was recently a turtle nest relocated to Ramp 44. I have several questions about this.

1. What was the original number of this nest?

NH74 WAS THE ORIGINAL NUMBER AND IT WAS NOT RE-NUMBERED. THE NEST HATCHED OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL DAYS, THEN EXCAVATED AND REMOVED TODAY, AS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE.

2. When and where was this nest originally found?

THE NEST WAS ORIGINALLY FOUND IN "THE NARROWS" EAST OF THE BYPASS ON AUGUST 6, 2010.

3. What was the original hatch dates for this nest?

HATCH DATES CAN DEPEND ON SEVERAL CONDITIONS. COOLER WEATHER SLOWS THE HATCH OF SEA TURTLE NESTS AND THIS ONE'S ORIGINAL HATCH DATE WERE ESTIMATED TO BE ANYTIME BETWEEN SEPT. 28 AND NOV. 17.

4. What is the projected hatch dates for this nest now?

THE NEST HATCHED OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL DAYS, THE CAVITY WAS THEN EXCAVATED (TO ENSURE ALL HATCHLINGS WERE GONE, AND THE CLOSURE WAS REMOVED TODAY.

5. Was this nest flooded by Tropical Storm Earl?

THE NEST WAS OVERWASHED BY WAVES FROM HURRICANE EARL, BUT NOT FLOODED.

6. Who authorized the move of this nest?

THE ORIGINAL RELOCATION OF THE NEST WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROTOCOLS ISSUED BY NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION (NCWRC). THE SECOND RELOCATION, (MOVEMENT OF NEST 35-DAYS OLD OR GREATER, STRAIGHT BACK FROM THE ORIGINAL LOCATION DUE TO IMPENDING STORM (IGOR) SURGE) WAS AUTHORIZED BY MATTHEW GODFREY, NCWRC SEA TURTLE BIOLOGIST. AT THE TIME OF THE SECOND RELOCATION, THE NEST WAS EXAMINED FOR VIABILITY AND WAS DEEMED TO STILL BE VIABLE.

7. Why was this location chosen over the natural selection of the sea turtle?

THE ORIGINAL NEST LOCATION WAS SUBJECT TO HEAVY EROSION ON A NARROW SECTION OF BEACH.