

From: reddrumtackle.com
To: Mike_Murray@nps.gov
Subject: RE: Is there anything left open to fish ?
Date: 05/19/2011 12:08 PM

Mike,

It would have been beneficial to all if in Judge Boyle's courtroom a discussion on the removal of predators and the increase in chick numbers had been talked about. The fact that pp nesting success as far as chicks per nest was accredited to ORV and the walking public being removed is a bit one sided and places the blame for low numbers on us and not predation. Long before this the nest were being properly protected.

I realize this is not a big issue with all of you but it is to those of us paying the price. Of course with that many visitors coming to CHNS I must be mistaken about why my sales are so far off.

Maybe some of you should come and spend a day or two in my shop and listen to what the American visiting public thinks about all of this.

Bob Eakes

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 9:02 AM
To: reddrumtackle.com
Subject: RE: Is there anything left open to fish ?

Bob,

The predator control program has clearly been beneficial for beach nesting birds, but it is difficult to quantify its relative contribution to nesting results. As you know, multiple factors affect nesting success each year including weather, predation and management of human disturbance. Based on advice from FWS, park staff refined our record keeping in 2010 so that in the future we can analyze and compare trends in "catch per unit trapping effort" from year to year. In principle, if trapping effort is sufficient to reduce the density of predators present in a nesting area, we would expect to see a decline in catch per unit effort over time at that site.

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<fish@reddrumtackle.com> To: <Mike_Murray@nps.gov>
05/17/2011 09:49 AM cc
Subject: RE: Is there anything left open to fish ?

Mike,

I appreciate the quick reply. My concerns regardless of a nest hatching are the threats of closure from the different employees who are monitoring Cape Point. The ability of an untrained professional to interface with the public is at best poor.

Another question is how successful do you feel the predator removal program is for CHNS? Is this program showing any signs of helping to promote the resource and if so can it be quantified?

Thanks,

Bob Eakes

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 4:32 PM
To: reddrumtackle.com

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Subject: Re: Is there anything left open to fish ?

Bob,

Ramp 44 closed Sunday afternoon due to the piping plover nest hatching on the east side of Cape Point. A press release went out Monday morning. Cyndy has added this address <fish@reddrumtackle.com> to the mailing list to receive updates. Currently, ORV access is open at Ramp 43, Ramp 45 (via the interdunal road from Ramp 44), and Ramp 49.

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05/16/2011 09:06 AM

To
"Mike Murray" <mike_murray@nps.gov>
cc

Subject
Is there anything left open to fish ?

Morning,

Would have the powers that are put this email address in the works so that maybe I can figure out what and why?

Thanks,

Bob Eakes

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I guess the threats made by the monitors came to be truthful over the weekend.