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Hi to All ~

I'm not sure who is actually doing the scheduling of these meetings, so I've directed this e-mail to all of you.

The next few meetings are scheduled to be held North of Oregon Inlet.

This Negotiated Rulemaking process involves and will have a major impact on the villages WITHIN the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. Location of the meetings on the North end makes it very hard for islanders to journey up there to see, to hear or to speak to what goes on, not even to mention the burden of those committee members and/or interested residents from Ocracoke who have the ferry service to deal with.

Further, I feel it is critical for "everyone" to see the expanse of the pre-nesting closures at all sites because I'm just as sure that some will not even know what they are looking at. I believe that a large number of "committee" members and alternates who do not frequent our beaches would be shocked at the actual size of the closures and that maybe a fuller understanding would be had if they could see those areas first hand and not just marked on a map. It would involve a little time and effort, but one which would be well worth their time.

Just my thoughts.

Pat

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