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Superintendent Murray,

I am a resident of Avon, NC , have attended numerous NPS meetings including three Negotiated Rule sessions, volunteer at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and generally love the life I live on this enchanted beach.

But, I am in distress. Last week I witnessed an honorable gentleman, John Newbold, verbally assaulted during a public meeting by Neal Moore. He represents the Cape Hatteras Bird Club whose Mission Statement calls for ' free and open' beach access. He is not honestly or honorably representing the CHBC. Neal Moore should be removed immediately.

I have seen participants in 'Neg/Reg'inattentive and rolling their eyes when public comment was given. The people speaking are passionate and fearful. They fear for their livelihoods and way of life. How can decent human beings not feel their pain? I request these participants be removed from the negotiating table-this is not 'Good Faith' negotiating. Also, I feel the entire committee owes all the public speakers an apology for the rude behavior of some of their fellow negotiators.

I appreciate the fact that you have a difficult, near impossible task in trying to balance recreation and conservation uses of CHNS. I don't presume to tell you what to do but I have some thoughts. Many of us are convinced that lawsuits are inevitable regardless of what the final plan looks like. Lawyers love to sue and the environmentalists are heavily funded.

1. Calculate the entire ocean side acreage of CHNS and assign percentages for use.
2. Guarantee that Cape Point (the Heart of Hatteras Island) and access ramps would NEVER be closed to pedestrians and ORV use.
3. Provide corridors to bypass all nesting areas for pedestrians and ORV use.
4. And the most important – Guarantee that PEOPLE come 1st!

I feel that honest assessment of these four points would placate most people who live, work and recreate here.

Thank you for your time,

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