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**Attachments:** CAHA Reg Neg Sept08 Flipcharts.pdf



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 Sept08 Flipcharts...

**TO:** Reg Neg Members  
**FROM:** CBI  
**RE:** Subcommittee - members and flip chart notes

Reg Neg Committee Members,

Below is the updated list of subcommittee members, including changes in subcommittee membership based on the September meeting. Please let me know if we're missing anyone and also let us know if our representative from Ocracoke needs to be on any other subcommittee.

Attached are the raw flip chart notes from the September Committee meeting that pertain to the work of the subcommittees, for subcommittees to review as they continue their work. Please note that the flip chart notes are shorthand notes of what was captured at the meeting. The draft meeting summary, which we'll be distributing later this week, should explain key issues more fully.

We recognize that this was scheduled to be distributed on Friday and apologize for it being a day late because we were working on the meeting summary.

Best,

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VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE Renee Cahoon, Derb Carter, John Couch, Jim Keene, Scott Leggat, Neal Moore, Patrick Paquette, Michael Peele, Jason Rylander and Paul Stevens

PERMITS, PASSES and FEES SUBCOMMITTEE  
 John Alley, Carla Boucher, Renee Cahoon, Derb Carter, Destry Jarvis, Mike Murray, Patrick Paquette, Michael Peele and Dwight Rettie

VILLAGE CLOSURES SUBCOMMITTEE  
 John Alley, Sonny Duke, Steve Kayota, Jim Lyons, Wayne Mathis, Paul Stevens and Jeffrey Wells

ROUTES AND AREAS SUBCOMMITTEE  
 David Esham, Frank Folb, David Goodwin, Bernie Gould, Destry Jarvis, Jim Keene, Sidney Maddock and Mike Murray

NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE  
 David Allen, Carla Boucher, Bob Eakes, David Esham, Walker Golder, Larry Hardham, Robert Milne, Mike Murray, David Rabon, Jason Rylander and Judy Swartwood

TURTLE WORKGROUP  
 David Allen, Michelle Baker (NPS), Bob Davis, Larry Hardham, Scott Leggat, Dwight Rettie and Jason Rylander

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(See attached file: CAHA Reg Neg Sept08 Flipcharts.pdf)

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**Cape Hatteras National Seashore Negotiated Rulemaking  
Meeting 6 – September 8-9, 2008  
Avon, NC**

**Flip Chart Notes**

This document is a record of the flip chart notes recorded by the facilitators at the September Committee meeting. The notes are intended for use by the different Subcommittees as they proceed with their work.

**Vehicles Characteristics and Operations Subcommittee**

Vehicle Characteristics

- List participants at top of document
- Motorcycle and equipment?
- Tire regulations at all?
- Flashlight – don't need to explain
- Night driving
- II.2: "allowed"
- Define ATVs
- 2WD, motorcycle and ATV → Special use permit
- Special use permit – what is the process for getting?
- How enforce inspection requirement?
- Commercial fishing requirements
- Maybe exclude: II. 3, 4 and 5, Commercial fishing
- Address option for future vehicles
- Linkages to: (a) safety closure and length of vehicle, (b) number of permits

Vehicle Operations

- Speed limits in villages/beach
- Enforcement of napping/camping
- Subject to funds and personnel
- Difference between napping and camping
  - Impact of current law
  - Demonstrate housing, etc.
- Self-contained vehicles camping in the beach in environment in designated areas
- Tire pressure – recommended or required
- Emergency vehicles – refine language
- Self-contained tents
- Commercial fishing
- Linkages to: (a) speed limits, (b) tire pressure and education, (c) financial resources and general management

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**Natural Resources Subcommittee**

- Goal = Beyond Cape Point, Hatteras Point/Split, Ocracoke, Oregon Inlet, Bodie Island Spit, starting place
  - Representation of Ocracoke
  - Additional Monitoring will be needed to restore buffers
- Pre-nesting South Cape Point/Neck - observed at end of wave
- Note that inter-dunal roads should always be listed as plural
- Definition of kites for kiteboarding vs. kites for recreational flying
- Details critical / need more earlier proposals
- Expand buffers / punitive
- Face-to-face meetings
- Punitive buffers are a problem
- Comparisons to other parks
- More numbers
- Commercial fishing south side of Cape Point
- Vegetation management
- Species chick differentiation
- Pedestrian vs. ORV disturbance
- Scientists - independent of stakeholders but for government
- Buffer tables for EIS – revised?
- Impairment – FWS define regulatory scheme constraints – need NPS further direction
- Kinds of bird disturbances differentiated
- How link subcommittee and EIS?
- Monitoring and resources - volunteers service
- Scope of subcommittee: equivocal or not to distances/choices, body of science
- Lack of specific distances in document
- Lack of CFR distances/regulations (exception is Piping Plover recovery plan)
- Construction of ephemeral pools – well and surface water/pool
- Desired conditions
- Literature background needed
- Linkage to routes and areas subcommittee work
- Turtle group

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### Routes and Areas Subcommittee

- Annual and permanent closures - conceptual differences, highly problematic
- Bodie Island & Ocracoke important – worried by “take”
- Road of last resort → route in total; understanding of closures in specific places
- Pedestrian only → criteria/ ease and egress and Coquina Beach parking
- Traditional areas of non-ORV access
- Break down this issue into parts for whole committee
- Accommodate diverse interests across the Park
- 46 Sound Side – duck hunting, kite boarding – opposite seasons (?)
- Parking lot across – Rodanthe/Pea Island
- South Point and wilderness problematic
  - 59 South closed → pedestrian areas; already have it in practice
- Economic impacts powerful
  - Personally affected; some proposals very strong impacts
- Primary issue → Where we were when we started this process
- This is a starting point? Bottom line?
- Pedestrian vs. vehicle impact on land
- Ramp 4 to Oregon Inlet → pedestrian interests?
- High eco plus pedestrian → no access (?)
- Pedestrian interests → likely usage
- Any precedence? Balance (?) – guidance, starting point
- Variety of Park habitats → what about inland “wilderness” experiences
- Too much user conflict crowded in current conditions
- Resources, pedestrian/visitors experience, ORV
- Pea Island as a pedestrian area
- Pedestrian areas set aside vs. resources (?)
- Bodie Island west as pedestrian. Who gets how much is problem.
  - Shoreline all around island(s)
  - Coquina Beach
  - Pea Island both sides (refuge experience, wildlife)
- Count all users within 1 year (?)
  - 90-10? 75-25? (beach users)
- Methodology/back up how to do (?)
- Individual member introduction/concern
- Designation of ORV routes and areas in accordance with executive orders



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### Permits, Fees, Passes Subcommittee

- Consider after routes and areas
- Pedestrian fee for pedestrian-only areas (equity)
- How related to scope and rationale behind entrance fees (option #1)
- Implementation/management
- Pedestrian access
- Visit residents without paying
- Revocation of permits/passes – enforcement
- Visitor experience: conflict w/ other sub-committees, keep it simple
- Education if get permit over internet
- Too large universe covered
- Need NPS needs/resources/etc.
- Impact on economy
- Separate fees for access to beach and park
- Golden age passport (over 62, resident, etc.); America the Beautiful pass
- Parking lot fee – duplicative
- Fee for vehicle or by individual for park fee – who pays and how much, seasonality (year round)
- Education for visitors who do not speak/read English
- Permit amount per day excessive
- Record keeping requirements – keep simple
- Carrying capacity – especially for daily
- Tracking/managing issuance and revocation
- Unlimited permits w/ limited use – or access is a problem
- Put proceeds into trust fund to ensure used for stated purposes
- Drive through without permit/pass
- Video requirement
- Self supporting administration
- Net gain for users from paying fee
- Fee \$ should benefit people who pay
- Not link permits with carrying capacity

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**Village Closures Subcommittee**

- State status quo? #2
- Municipality vs. village definition
- Legal implications of options
- Principles: consistent, understandable, enforceable
- Member conflict of interests
- Walkover boardwalks - Public access
- Privatization of beaches: deed access, release of liability
- Parking spaces within villages?
- Amenities on beach
- Frisco pier: gravel parking lot and Ramp 55, more public access
- Dates:
  - Duck – 1 May – 30 Sept, Nags Head
  - DOT speed limits change: 15 May to 15 September
  - Real estate raise rates
  - Ferry schedules
  - Visitation numbers/data
  - Occupancy data
  - Data on ORV vs. pedestrians
- Better signage marking public access within villages
- Thurs and Saturday pedestrian, Friday and Sunday ORV
- Accident reports in front of villages
- Density and criteria
- Safety
- Status quo and study to determine density/which visitors → pre-determined. Measure annually – NPS establishes then.
- Signs for mutual concern
- Dare County = 15 fatal injuries on Rt. 12. 40 deaths within 10 years – most drowning; suicide; heart attack; shark; paved road; 1 occupant of ORV
- Occupancy of paying guests
- Fall – young children and families - lower rates then
- Corridors
- Safety + visitor experience
- Existing condition in populated areas in executive order: status quo, visitor info
- Dates and safety closure required in villages: speed limit, width of beach
- Consistency
- Min. width; lower speed limits; enforcement
- Link to pedestrian areas; vehicle operations