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Cape Hatteras National Seashore Negotiated Rulemaking Proposed Work Plan

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May/June	NPS working on NEPA alternatives	Natural Resources	Caucuses	 Prepare for June Committee meeting regarding natural resource and access options on Cape Point. Consider ideas for technical panel for Fall
			NPS	Invite experts, if available, and distribute natural resource data
		Socio-Economic Impacts	Sub- committee	Discuss implications of peer review for NEPA socio- economic work Update from NPS/contractor on NEPA socio-economic work, and business and visitor surveys
		Carrying capacity	NPS	Prepare short memo on NPS proposed approach on this subject
June 17/18		Natural Resource Areas (8) Other Routes and Areas designation (2) Other Issues, as time allows (2)	Committee	Discuss Cape Point and access/natural resource issues Discuss potential technical/science panel Consider other proposals for routes/areas not covered in previous meeting and not natural resource area priorities Updates on Safety/Village closures and approach to carrying capacity Update on Socio-Economic work Lay out work for summer
Following June reg-neg meeting		Process Evaluation	CADR	DOI office initiates Mid-Year evaluation of the Committee (CADR is Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution)
July and/or August	NPS releases NEPA alternatives (except for	Natural Resource Areas	NPS/Facil	Potentially identify/organize Expert Technical/Science Panel

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	Committee alternative, when developed)			
		Socio-Economic Impacts	Sub- committee	Meet via phone to discuss/consider on-going work of NPS consultant, and to develop a standardized reporting process and format to document economic impacts of implementing the consent decree Other topics as needed
		Permits, passes, fees	Work Group	Identify the purpose/intent of possible permit/pass or other system Identify the criteria for devising the approach Develop one or more management options Consider costs/fees
		Carrying Capacity	Work Group/NPS	Discuss proposed NPS approach
		Outreach, education, signage and maps	Work Group	Discuss issues Develop options and ideas
Sept 8/9	NPS works on impact analysis of NEPA alternatives (continues through Fall)	Natural Resource Areas (7) Other Routes and Areas designation (1) Report back from work groups (4)	Committee	Discuss natural resource areas beyond Cape Point Discuss further routes and areas designations Discuss further natural resource areas and management options Report back from work groups
Oct 22/23		Natural Resources (6) Carrying Capacity	Committee	Potential Technical/Science panel reviews Committee's management options, offers advice and answers questions developed by Committee

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		(1.5) • Permits/Passes/Fees (1.5) • Temporary closures (village & ORV safety) (1.5) • Education, outreach, signage (1.5)		Discuss and respond to work group issues on a number of issues
Nov. 14/15	NPS shares preliminary impact analysis of NEPA alternatives (continues through Fall)	Volunteers, patrols, monitoring (2) Vehicle operations & characteristics (2) Discuss other specific issues further (8)	Committee	Continue to detail issues and ideas
		Prepare write ups of draft agreements and options	Facilitators	Write-ups of agreements reached or narrowed options generated will be provided on each issue area discussed to date
Dec 11/12		Discuss specific issues further	Committee	Continue to detail issues and ideas
		Prepare write ups of draft agreements and options	Facilitators	Write-ups of agreements reached or narrowed options generated will be provide on each issue area discussed to date
Early January 2009		Negotiate package on preferred alternative	Committee	Seek to finalize package on preferred alternative

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		Distribute draft package preferred alternative in writing	Facilitators	From early January "package" discussion develop draft agreement with remaining open issues/options and distribute to Committee
Mid January 2009		Finalize package of preferred alternative	Committee	Craft final consensus preferred alternative for NEPA analysis
January 31, 2008		Final, written document to NPS	Committee	Final consensus preferred alternative submitted to NPS for final impact analysis
February 2009	Continue impact analysis on preferred (Committee) alternative to the extent needed			
Spring	Finalize impact analysis and prepare DEIS for NPS/DOI review	Discuss impact analysis of preferred alternative, if needed	Committee	Committee discusses impact analysis of preferred alternative IF the analysis requires a revision to the alternative
	Prepare draft rule	Review rule's consistency with Committee's recommendation	Committee	Review electronically or otherwise draft rule written by NPS regulation writing contractor for consistency with Committee's recommendation
Summer 2009	NPS/DOI review & approval of DEIS for public release			

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Fall 2009	Release of DEIS and proposed rule and public comment period			
Jan - March 2010	Analysis of public comment	Discuss public comment	Committee	Committee discusses public comment and revises preferred alternative if and as needed
April to December 2010	Finalize EIS and Management Plan			•
December 31, 2010	Final ORV Management Plan			Complete ORV Management Plan, as agreed to in the Consent Decree
April 1, 2011	Final rule			Promulgate final rule as agreed to in the Consent Decree