

Cobia, and too many large sharks to name) within reach of fishermen standing in the surf. Man has been trying to catch these fish since we have been able to. Dwindling numbers of some of the fish in years past has led us to catch & release almost all we can hook. Gone are the days of greed where fish were stacked like wood to rot in the sun. Yes, there are some who don't get it, but their numbers are dwindling.

*Efforts like teaching the young visitors to our Seashore how to fish, and respect Mother Nature, pay off in ways we cannot imagine. The children tell their parents what they learned and two generations go home with a wish to come back again to experience the gifts this Seashore offers.*

Oregon Inlet beaches are being washed away, as well as the sand around the Bonner Bridge pilings. The area that over washes yearly has very little high ground, if any, for air breathers to flee to in the storms. The beach between Rodanthe & Avon get changed, being washed away to the dune line only to rebuild itself with the next change of wind. Hatteras Inlet beaches were washed away last spring leaving no room for man or bird on the once expansive sand flats. We are lucky that Ocracoke Inlet still is intact. The "point" shifts with every storm, meandering back and forth. Some days there is a pool on the southward side, sometimes a thin spit going way out at low tide. None can predict this, or hope to control any of it, either.

The negotiated rulemaking coming up will boil on all sides at once. The rules are going to change; special care must be taken to weed from the stake holders; the shills, the empty groups that do not exist except for one person claiming it so. Any group threatening a lawsuit has no right to a seat at this important table, or in any discussion regarding what needs to be accomplished in the negotiated rulemaking process. All sides will have to give some; The mobile beach user so far (to me) already has given time and again. You stopped this quite a bit last spring, thank you. There are many who write that have not a clue, about what they are saying. There should be no limit to beach users, unless all the beach users, including feathered animals and furred ones as well, are limited. Too many of anything can outstrip the resource it depends on. Payment of a yearly fee for every vehicle that uses the off-road parts of the Park could offset the costs of monitoring our feathered friends, somewhat, if beaches are not closed wholesale as in years past. Don't charge me for something & then say I can't use it. With the way Mother Nature treats us, all of our good intentions can be turned on its head at any time.

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