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Public Comment Period Extended for Seashore Interim Protected Species Management Plan Environmental Assessment

Harkers Island, North Carolina. The National Park Service (NPS) is extending the public comment period for the Cape Lookout National Seashore (CLNS) Interim Protected Species Management Plan - draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The public comment period for draft EA is being extended until April 21, 2006, to allow the public an additional 15 days to provide comments. The draft EA may be downloaded at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caloc> or a copy may be obtained from park headquarters at 131 Charles Street, Harkers Island.

The Interim Protected Species Management Plan will guide management practices for recreational use and protection of species at CLNS for the next three to four years until the long-term Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Plan and regulations are completed (currently scheduled for completion in 2008). The draft EA was developed considering public input, practical knowledge, federal laws, science, and NPS policy. The scope of the draft EA is limited to consideration of ORV and pedestrian access and the relationship of these factors, as well as current management activities, to protected species.

Public participation is vital to the NPS planning process. The NPS looks forward to receiving input from everyone, particularly on identified issues, public concerns you may have, and any ideas that will meet the needs, purpose, and objectives of this planning process. The comments and concerns will be gathered and used in the development of the final EA and development of the plan. In order to provide for broad public comment, the NPS will be accepting comments via internet or the mail. **Comments must be received by April 21, 2006.** Instructions for submission of your comments are listed below:

Via the Internet- You may submit your comments on-line at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CALO>. Select the Interim Protected Species Management Plan project, then click on the "Documents and Links" section and finally click the "Submit Your Comments for the Interim Protected Species Management Plan EA (download the plan)" link found in the "Documents and Links" section.

Via the Mail- Alternatively, you may send your written comments to: Superintendent, Cape Lookout National Seashore, 131 Charles Street, Harkers Island, North Carolina 28531. Please include your full name, mailing address, and e-mail address, if available, with your comments so that we may add you to our mailing list.

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