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NPS Schedules Public Information Sessions to Supplement Interim Protected Species Management Strategy Information Meetings

The National Park Service has announced dates for Information Sessions that will allow the public to provide additional input to the Service on the upcoming Interim Protected Species Management Strategy for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The Interim Protected Species Strategy will be the guiding document for protected species management at the Seashore until the park's Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan is completed in 2008 as currently scheduled.

These Information Sessions are in addition to the previously announced Information Meetings scheduled for Oct. 3rd – 5th and will be an open-house style format allowing the public to provide input to the park in a more informal atmosphere. The Information Sessions are scheduled for Oct. 5th 12p.m.-2 p.m. at the Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo Community Building; Oct. 6th 12 p.m.-2 p.m. at the Wright Brothers National Memorial First Flight Centennial Pavilion; Oct. 6th 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum; Oct. 11th 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at the National Park Service Ocracoke Maintenance Building.

The three more formal style public Information Meetings are scheduled for: Monday, Oct. 3rd at the Wright Brothers National Memorial First Flight Centennial Pavilion; Tuesday, Oct. 4th at the Dare County Fessenden Center in Buxton; and Wednesday, Oct 5th at the Ocracoke Community Center. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and last until 9:00 p.m.

These meetings and sessions will help maximize public involvement in the development of the Interim Protected Species Management Strategy.

"We want to hear from everyone that has an interest in the park use and species protection" stated Patrick Reed, Outer Banks Group Acting Superintendent. "We place a high value on working together in partnerships with our communities to make sure we balance the National Park Service responsibilities with their needs." We need to hear from everyone we can so that we can shape this interim management strategy to provide the greatest continued public use and access possible, while at the same time meeting the requirements of law designed to protect the resources that contribute to making Cape Hatteras National Seashore the very special place it is."

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