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**Cape Hatteras National Seashore
Fort Raleigh National Historic Site
Wright Brothers National Memorial**

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**NPS Information Meetings for Interim Protected
Species Management Postponed**

The public information meetings scheduled for this week regarding the development of an Interim Protected Species Management Strategy for Cape Hatteras National Seashore have been postponed due to approaching Hurricane Ophelia. These meetings will be rescheduled, potentially the week of Sept. 19 depending on the impacts from this tropical storm system.

This postponement includes the meetings that had been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13th at the Ocracoke Civic and Business Association Building; Wednesday, Sept. 14th at the Dare County Fessenden Center in Buxton; and Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Wright Brothers National Memorial First Flight Centennial Pavilion.

The Interim Protected Species Management 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.

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