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Cape Hatteras National Seashore Proposal to Facilitate Additional Public Beach Access Opens for Public Comment

Announced today by National Park Service Outer Banks Group Superintendent Barclay Trimble, the public comment period for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore proposal to facilitate additional public beach access environment assessment will open July 1, 2013 through August 2, 2013.

The Proposal to Facilitate Additional Public Beach Access project presents evaluation of two (2) alternatives for various improvements at the Seashore. "We invite everyone to comment on this document," stated Superintendent Trimble. "Public participation is vital to the NPS planning process and we appreciate the time and energy the public devotes to commenting and suggestions during this public meeting/scoping that will be evaluated during this planning process."

Following the comment period a decision on the action to be implemented will be determined. The final environmental assessment will guide park planning and prioritization of beach access infrastructure improvements in the years ahead.

The Proposal to Facilitate Additional Public Beach Access Environmental Assessment is available for public comment on-line at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website:

http://parkplanning.nps.gov/beach_access

Public read-only copies of this document will be available at the NPS Visitor Centers at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Bodie Island Lighthouse, Ocracoke, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial; the Dare County Libraries in Hatteras Village, Manteo, and Kill Devil Hills; and the Ocracoke Library. Copies of this document will be available at the scheduled public meetings while supplies last.

Written comments may also be mailed to: Proposal to Facilitate Additional Public Beach Access, c/o Superintendent, Outer Banks Group, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2013.

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