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## **Outer Banks Group News Release**

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### **NPS Information Meetings on Interim Protected Species Management Strategy Rescheduled**

The National Park Service has rescheduled the public information meetings regarding the upcoming Interim Protected Species Management Strategy for Cape Hatteras National Seashore that were postponed due to Hurricane Ophelia. This 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.

The three public information meetings have been rescheduled for: Monday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wright Brothers National Memorial First Flight Centennial Pavilion; Tuesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Dare County Fessenden Center in Buxton; and Wednesday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ocracoke Community Center. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and last until 9:00 p.m. These meeting will help maximize public involvement in the development of the Interim Protected Species Management Strategy.

"These meetings are really very important to us. 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" stated Patrick Reed, Outer Banks Group Acting Superintendent. "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."

The Service will also soon be announcing scheduled open information sessions in several community locations to provide a similar opportunity for those who could not attend the earlier meetings. Times and locations for these sessions will be announced and posted in community areas such as local post offices, and on the park's website. "I hope that everyone who can will take advantage of these follow-up sessions. We really do want to hear from as many people as possible" stated Reed.

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