

Subject: RE: OCNMS MPR
From: Joel Patience <joelpatience@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2008 10:48:36 -0800
To: OCNMSmanagementplan@noaa.gov

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Thanks for the note. If I can be so bold to add just one other concern....

The beaches of the OCNMS are being impacted by all nature of human activity. There is an effort to allow commercial horse riding companies to use the beaches south of Joe's Creek year round. This means horse manure being churned up in the tidal flows and spread across the beaches. As I understand from the engineer that used to be with GHC, the "torus bore effect" which is the northerly motion of the tidal waves, will spread this across the beaches and waters. Please take a position to prevent commercial activities of this nature.

Thanks for your time and considerations.

Joel Patience

> Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2008 08:19:25 -0800
> From: OCNMSmanagementplan@noaa.gov
> Subject: Re: OCNMS MPR
> To: joelpatience@hotmail.com
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> Dear Mr. Patience,
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> Thank you so much for taking the time to submit comments during the
> sanctuary's public scoping period. Your comments, along with those you
> previously submitted, are now part of the public record for our
> "Navigating the Future" management plan review process. Once the
> comment period ends on November 14, we will be compiling a summary of
> all the public comments we received. This summary should be available
> on our website in early 2009. If you are interested in seeing some of
> the public comments we have received thus far you can find them at:
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> http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/protection/mpr/mpr_scoping.html
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> Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.
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> Sincerely,
> Lauren Bennett
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> Joel Patience wrote:
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> > Dear Mr. Galasso:
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> > Thank you for your note today and invitation to comment to the OCNMS
> > on their management plan. I am hoping for efficiency and details that
> > you have retained all the contact with you and can submit it as
> > supplement to the comment process.
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> > My primary residence is just South of Pacific Beach, WA. about 1000'
> > feet from the cliffs of the OCNMS and 80' above its waters. Over the
> > past nearly two decades, I have witnessed a tremendous amount of abuse
> > on the Sanctuary and its resources. The following are a summary of
> > these abuses that I also feel that the Sanctuary and other U.S.
> > Government agencies could address with coordination. As always, if you

> > would like me to meet with you I am available.

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> > * Airplane and helicopter use. On a regular basis there are

> > breaches of the 3000' ceiling that is meant to protect the

> > OCNMS. My home is at 80' in the cliffs and it is common place

> > for small planes and helicopters to fly below the cliffs. This

> > year alone, I have witnessed airplanes flying between bald

> > eagles, fly up from the beach below the tree level, use the

> > level below the cliffs as a flyway, land on the beach and

> > helicopters fly up Joe's Creek below the cliff levels and just

> > over the highway. . While I have called the local law

> > enforcement offices they refer me to the FAA who is is not

> > available on the weekends. There are no managers at the airport

> > between Olympia and the beach environs so there is no

> > responsible part to contact. In addition, there is a registered

> > FAA airport, on the beach, within the OCNMS, that is managed and

> > sanctioned by the State of WA, that also is the fly over for a

> > State Park where sea birds nest and marine mammals use as

> > habitat. To date:

> > o I have yet to hear of any attempt by agencies to shut down

> > the airport.

> > o Enforce the flight floor by using monitoring stations,

> > press or notices to airports or pilots, or intervention by

> > radar available from the Pacific Beach Navy Base.

> > * There continues to be considerable use of the beach environs as

> > transportation by motorized vehicles. While it is the policy of

> > the State of WA to designate the beaches as "highways", there is

> > no enforcement, no standard road signs for speed, no protection

> > for pedestrians (four or two legged) from vehicle aggression and

> > any vehicles that get stuck in the sand are left to sink. There

> > are considerable photos of these events and the debris is now

> > bleeding or leaching by-products into the waters of the ONCMS.

> > In the process to possibly deter, eliminate or just control

> > driving in the beach environs, I designed and copyrighted

> > "Think. Don't Drive in the Drink". It is a graphic that was

> > generally accepted by local subdivisions and even local

> > politicians - the OCNMS would only have to support its use for

> > communities and counties to adopt its use. It promotes

> > Sanctuary and public safety. I have never heard of the State of

> > WA, the OCNMS or any county - issuing any fine or violation of

> > the beach environs by abandonment of vehicles.

> > * There is considerable deforestation along the south end of the

> > OCNMS. In some cases this is from mass subdivision development,

> > resubdivision of larger lots and by speculators of future

> > development. I do not know of the OCNMS being part of the

> > review process for any of this activity or notifying any

> > property owner or subdivision that their actions have impacted

> > the water runoff or water quality of the OCNMS - even in the

> > cases where the trees have been completely removed from an

> > adjacent mountain top or removed from the cliffs directly above

> > the OCNMS.

> > * A combined impact to the OCNMS from vehicles and development is

> > the removal of natural night from the beaches. There are

> > considerable impacts from flood lights, street lights and

> > vehicles on the natural beach environment. Please refer to the

> > current National Geographic.

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> > Thank you for your time and considerations. Please contact me for

> > further details or Mr. Galasso for areas of my contact with him.
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> > Joel Patience
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> > Date: Fri, 31 Oct 2008 10:54:54 -0700
> > From: George.Galasso@noaa.gov
> > Subject: OCNMS MPR
> > To: joelpatience@hotmail.com
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> > Joel, over the years you have contacted us a number of times with
> > concerns related to beach driving and low overflights. We are
> > currently in a public scoping period for a review of our management
> > plan. Now is a good time to register any concerns or suggestions.
> > You can get more information at
> > <http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/protection/mpr/welcome.html>
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