

March 11, 2026

To: US Representative Dr. Greg Murphy
NC 3rd District
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Washington, DC 20515

From: Todd A. Spencer
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Subject: Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Access to the Cape Lookout National Seashore

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter in hopes that it will be read and understood just how important my beach access is to me. Beach access allows me to enjoy the beauty that is the Cape Lookout National Seashore and specifically Portsmouth Island. The majestic scenery while out there is like nothing I've ever experienced in my 61 years of life.

I understand that the below ORV plan was drafted in 2016 while our recent Superintendent Jeff West was in charge, but it was just that, a draft. I, along with all my fellow club members have been waiting on this draft to become law. The draft was adopted and approved within my club, Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen (CLMS) and the Davis Island Fishing Foundation (DIFF). It is mostly because of these two clubs that the islands stay healthy and the wildlife flourishes. We take great care of our island in the form of clean-up, sea grass planting, dune fencing etc... With only a few Park Rangers out there, we also do our best to educate others that may be doing the wrong thing in order to keep the beaches accessible for everyone.

Proposed ORV plan:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
36 CFR Part 7
[NPS-CALO-22660; PPWONRADE2, PMP00EI05.YP]
RIN 1024-AE24
Cape Lookout National Seashore, Off-Road Vehicle Management

CAPE LOOKOUT MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN, INC purpose:

- (A.) To act in the best interest of persons engaged in mobile sportfishing and other mobile beach activities on Core Banks and other barrier islands off the coast of North Carolina and the eastern coast of the United States of America.
- (B.) To strengthen through organization the representation of persons engaged in mobile beach activities, in public and governmental forums, and by that organization to weld into an organized unit that many such persons utilizing Core Banks, Carteret County, North Carolina, and other barrier islands located off the coast of North Carolina and the eastern United States.
- (C.) To maintain a continuing study of all legislative proposals and governmental regulations and rulings affecting all members who visit Core Banks, Carteret County, North Carolina, and to take whatever action indicated in the best interest of the said members.
- (D.) To gather, compile, analyze and distribute to members, all information and data of whatever nature which bears upon the general welfare and activities of members.
- (E.) To cooperate with all allied organizations, private, public and governmental, in the promotion of mobile beach activities on the Core Banks, Carteret County, North Carolina.
- (F.) To promote responsible use of the Core Banks to protect the fragile environment and unspoiled beauty of the Core Banks.

It is my hope that this letter will be read and acted upon in the near future. It has been ten years since that first draft was made and I feel that is too long to wait on a set of rules that all must abide by and so we can continue to enjoy the beauty and splendor of these strips of land.

For your careful consideration, thank you.

Respectfully,

Todd Spencer