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Cape Lookout National Seashore News Release

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Cape Lookout National Seashore - Post Hurricane Dorian Advisory 3

HARKERS ISLAND, NC – The National Park Service Incident Management Team (IMT) is responding to Cape Lookout National Seashore, which was impacted by Hurricane Dorian. At this time, 68 National Park Service employees from across the nation are assigned to the incident. The public is discouraged from traveling to or entering the national seashore due to safety concerns during the stabilization process.

- The Beaufort Visitor Information Center will reopen tomorrow, Tuesday, September 10.
 - o Hours of operation are daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- The Harkers Island Visitor Center will reopen on Wednesday, September 11.
 - o Hours of operation are daily from 9:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.
- Passenger ferry service (via <u>Island Express Ferry Service</u>) to Shackleford Banks, from Beaufort and Harkers Island, will resume operations on Wednesday, September 11.
 - Hours of operation, from Beaufort: daily, every 30 minutes from 8:30
 A.M. 5:30 P.M.
 - Hours of operation, from Harkers Island: daily, every hour from 8:15
 A.M. 5:45 P.M.
- All other visitor facilities and services are closed; a reopening schedule is not available at this time.
- General debris cleanup around the visitor facilities and beaches has begun.
- There are approximately 54 new inlets cutting through from the Atlantic Ocean to the Core Sound at various points of North Core Banks.
- There are major damages to 38 historic structures at Portsmouth Village, including flooding, and wind-related destruction.
- There are major damages to the infrastructure at the Long Point cabin camp, including a major breach of an ocean inlet cut through to Core Sound.
- Reservations for Long Point Cabins have been cancelled for the remainder of the season.
- Reservations for the Great Island Cabins have been cancelled through Sunday, September 15.

o Cancellations may be extended; an update will be provided when available.

All cabin reservations that have been cancelled will be issued a full refund at www.recreation.gov, or call (877) 444-6777.

The National Park Service staff will be monitoring ongoing recovery efforts regarding Hurricane Dorian and will post updates as needed on the <u>park website</u> and via <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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