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## Cape Lookout National Seashore News Release

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## Cape Lookout National Seashore - Post Hurricane Dorian Advisory 4

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 should not enter closed areas of the parks until stabilization and restoration efforts are complete.

- The Beaufort Visitor Information Center is open.
  - o Hours of operation are daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- The Harkers Island Visitor Center is open.
  - 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>), from Beaufort and Harkers Island:
  - o To South Core Banks, will resume on Saturday, September 14.
  - o To Shackleford Banks, is available to the public.
  - 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.
  - For more information contact the Island Express Ferry Service office at: IslandExpressFerryService.com, or at (252) 728-7433.
- Visitors should prepare for their visit to Shackleford and South Core Beaches!
  - Be careful, as there remains an abundance of storm debris on the beaches. Sturdy footwear is highly recommended.
  - There are no amenities, including restrooms, available at this time, as power and water are currently unavailable.
  - Prepare by bringing sturdy footwear, water, food and plan to pack out all personal trash.
- All other visitor facilities (i.e. Light Station Visitor Center, and the Keepers Quarters Museum) and services are closed; a reopening schedule is not available at this time.

- Cancelled reservations for the Great Island Cabins have been stretched through Wednesday, September 18.
  - Cancellations may be further 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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