Harkers Island, NC – The latest forecasted model predicts Hurricane Joaquin is tracking further East out into the Atlantic ocean making it less of a threat to the Southern Outer Banks region. However, the area remains under a coastal advisory. Due to public safety and the welfare of park visitors and staff, Cape Lookout National Seashore will continue to remain closed to all visitors until further notice.

The National Weather Service is predicting a high probability for more heavy rains and the continuation of potential flooding to come through the beginning of the week. The state of North Carolina remains under a declared ‘state of emergency’ due to flooding.

The National Park Service continues to evaluate weather conditions throughout the weekend and early next week and assess conditions for a safe re-opening as soon as appropriate.

All reservations for Long Point and Great Island Cabin Camps have been canceled through Monday night, October 5, 2015. Beyond this date, please confirm all reservations through www.recreation.gov prior to traveling to the park.

For more information, listen to NOAA weather radio and local media for updates and advisories. The National Park Service staff will be monitoring ongoing developments with Hurricane Joaquin and will post updates as needed on the park website, www.nps.gov/colo and on Facebook and Twitter: twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS.

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