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The area is open to no-wake boating from May 15 - October 1, so there is no reason not to let them conduct surveys during this time.

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we wouldn't just agree to access by boat because they made a request. It would be contingent on wildlife needs / concentrations - correct?

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These are my general thoughts. I won't be reading them verbatim, but they are the concepts I'm planning to provide. Any concerns?

The Tribe is proposing to identify gear loss during routine bag maintenance within the lease area. If gear loss is recorded the Tribe will communicate with Refuge staff to report the loss and schedule a patrol. We appreciate that this strategy only requests access outside the lease area if gear loss is identified.

It is likely that gear loss will occur, especially during storm events in winter months, and that the gear will accumulate on adjacent refuge shorelines in areas that are closed to access either seasonally or year-round. To ensure that Refuge access for monitoring and retrieval is compatible within this high-use area for migrating shorebirds and wintering waterfowl, we would allow:

- the boat-based surveillance, that they request, from May 15 to September 30 and,
- on-shore retrieval from May 15 – July 31.

Equipment retrieved from European green crab infested shoreline would need to be decontaminated prior to reuse in the lease (protect eelgrass).

We may also provide some additional minor stipulations including specific points of access and limitations on equipment use.

Overall, the conditions needed to ensure compatibility of gear management should not be logistically unachievable. In fact it will lessen the burden by reducing the surveillance and retrieval requirements from August 1 – May 14.

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