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To: Amy Silva
Subject: RE: Horseshoe crabs in NKingstown

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Hi Amy,

Last year one of our Parks Naturalists did some tagging at nearby North Kingstown Town Beach (a ~415 meter stretch of beach) and counted 71 crabs during that evening. Besides this, the closest location where we have recent data of spawning horseshoe crabs is from 2022 off of Chase Way on Prudence Island (a stretch of beach off Bay Ave on the western side, SE of Jenny's Creek). Anecdotally, I have gotten reports of spawning crabs on Blue Beach, Compass Rose Beach, and Frye Cove in NK as well. While we don't have data specific to this exact location off Earle Dr, HSC will utilize many protected, sandy beaches throughout RI as this is their ideal spawning habitat.

Let me know if you have any other questions!



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Katherine-

I'm working on an application for a dock off Earle Dr in NK and objectors are concerned about horseshoe crab spawning. I saw your name on the HC survey and thought I'd reach out. I know NK isn't one of the two locations being monitored, but do you happen to know if this area is a spawning area?



Thanks
AMy

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