

**Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Recreation**

Name of Fee: Fort Fisher Off Highway Vehicle Permit Fee

Purpose of Fee: To control vehicular access to beach area, reduce vandalism, and protect sea turtle and colonial nesting bird habitat.

Current Fee: None

Revenue Generated (2001-2002 FY): None

Proposed Fee: \$40/year or \$10/day

Additional Revenue Generated: \$36,857

Projected Total Annual Revenue: \$36,857

Rationale for Fee Increase: Few visitors are actually using the beach at Fort Fisher for all-night fishing. The park is experiencing increased vandalism in the form of tearing down fencing and driving through environmentally sensitive areas. This fee will bring the division in line with the practice of many coastal communities and help offset the budget shortfall.

Who Pays: Park visitors leaving the parking area and developed beach access area. Only those visitors driving four-wheel vehicles onto the open beach areas will be charged this fee.

Number Affected by Fee: Approximately 900 visitors will be impacted by this fee.

Inception Date of Fee: Date the FY 2003-04 Appropriations Bill is signed into law.

Date of Last Fee Change: NA