

The following emails were sent to Karl Burgess, Georgia DNR, Coastal Resource Division and Jones Hooks, Executive Director of the Jekyll Island Authority by Daniel Parshley, Executive Director of the Glynn Environmental Coalition on October 30, 2015.

Karl,

You know I do not send a steady stream of emails to you about every issue we face on the coast, and every complaint. I trust this helps you know when I really need your attention and help.

We were discussing the beach driving on Jekyll Island and appropriate planning among friends and other who love Jekyll Island and they suggested I send my observation to you. We all make mistakes, but it is best to keep mistakes from being precedent-setting and repeated. I know this is your goal, too.

I hope this helps with the support you will need to make the right decisions and keep Jekyll Island moving in the right direction.

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As we observed when they had a vehicle breakdown, amenities can be provided without driving on the beach. I'm sure a cart can be made to shuttle the chairs and umbrellas to the beach, and a wheelchair mat might facilitate doing so. A great way to make the beach wheelchair friendly and solve the problem of providing on-beach amenities.

Thank you taking these comments and suggestions into consideration for resolving the issue of driving on the beach. I'm sure we can do better.

Please be kind enough to place this email in the folder for the beach driving permit issued for the Westin on Jekyll Island.

Yours,
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Best wishes to you and your efforts to protect Jekyll Island.

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