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The Honorable Dan Ashe
Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C St., NW, Room 3331
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Director Ashe:

I am writing to request an additional public hearing in Dare County, North Carolina regarding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to list the Rufa Red Knot as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

I was pleased to see the agency schedule a public hearing on the proposal in Morehead City, North Carolina, on May 6th. However, the proposed listing would significantly impact Dare County, North Carolina as well. Because of the geographic distance between Dare County and the closest public hearing site in Morehead City, it is extremely unlikely that the vast majority of Dare County residents who wish to comment on the proposal would be able to do so.

Given the significance of the proposed listing, I respectfully urge you to schedule another public hearing in Dare County in the near future. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress