

To facilitate sound planning and consideration of environmental resources, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the seagrass RP/PEIS and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the RP/PEIS.

Vessel groundings and propeller dredging are common occurrences in BISC due to shallow water conditions outside marked channels. When a vessel runs aground on a seagrass bed, its propellers usually cut or uproot seagrasses, leaving a "scar." It can take years for seagrasses to recover from such damage, and in some areas it may never grow back. When vessels attempt to "power off," they blow large holes ("blowholes") in the bottom of the bay displacing large volumes of sediment and seagrass. Displaced sediment often smothers bottom-dwelling organisms.

Seagrass beds are a valuable natural resource because they provide a variety of important services to the marine environment including enhancing sediment stability, decreasing wave energy, providing nursery habitat and feeding grounds for fish and invertebrates, providing feeding grounds for wading and diving birds, providing food and habitat for endangered species, and creating habitat and substrate diversity. BISC seagrass beds are natural resources that the NPS preserves and protects for the education, inspiration, recreation, and enjoyment of present and future generations. The vessel groundings cause injury to those natural resources in BISC. The Park System Resource Protection Act (PSRPA) authorizes the NPS to seek compensation for injuries to park system resources and use the recovered funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, and to monitor such resources.

It is the intent of NPS to prepare this seagrass RP/PEIS so that a tiered process can be used to facilitate future restoration actions within BISC. The seagrass RP/PEIS will facilitate subsequent environmental compliance and the development of individual restoration plans.

DATES: NPS will accept comments on the scope of the RP/PEIS within 60 days of the publication of this notice. In addition, NPS is seeking comments on the issues and alternatives to be addressed in the RP/PEIS. Full public participation by Federal, State, and local agencies as well as other concerned organizations and private citizens is invited throughout the preparation process of this document.

The draft Seagrass RP/PEIS is expected to be completed and presented at a public meeting anticipated for November 2006. The location, date, and time of that public meeting will be announced in the local press and on the park Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/bisc>). They may also be obtained by contacting BISC. The purposes of the public meeting will be to obtain both written and verbal questions and comments on the issues and alternatives to assist NPS in finalizing the Seagrass RP/PEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments and information concerning the scope of the seagrass RP/PEIS may be directed to the address below. Requests to be added to the project mailing list should be sent to the same address. Amanda Bourque, Damage Recovery Program Manager, National Park Service, Biscayne National Park, 9700 SW., 328th Street, Homestead, FL 33033, (305) 230-1144, BISC_Superintendent@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment during the scoping process on any issues associated with the plan, you may use any one of several methods. Comments should be received within 60 days of the publication of this notice. You may mail comments to the address listed above. You may also comment on the Internet at the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Please submit Internet comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please put in the subject line "Seagrass Restoration Plan/PEIS" and include your name and return address in your Internet message.

It is the practice of the NPS to make all comments, including names and addresses of those who comment, available for public review, after the close of the NEPA process. Anonymous comments will not be considered. NPS will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. However, individuals not representing businesses or organizations may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from the record. NPS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law.

If you would like your name and/or address withheld and are using PEPC to comment, but would still like future mailings/information on the project, you may fill in the name and address field, and mark "keep my contact information

private." Or, if you do not want to receive additional information on the project, you may put N/A in the name and address field.

The authority for publishing this notice is 40 CFR 1506.6.

The responsible party for this EIS is the Regional Director for the Southeast Region, Patricia Hooks.

Dated: January 11, 2006.

Victor Knox,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, NPS Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Bishop Walsh School, 700 Bishop Walsh School Road, Cumberland, Maryland.

The Commission was established by *Public Law 91-664* to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

The members of the Commission are as follows: Mrs. Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, Chairperson; Mr. Charles J. Weir; Mr. Barry A. Passett; Mr. Terry W. Hepburn; Ms. JoAnn M. Spevacek; Mrs. Mary E. Woodward; Mrs. Donna Printz; Mrs. Ferial S. Bishop; Ms. Nancy C. Long; Mrs. Jo Reynolds; Dr. James H. Gilford; Brother James Kirkpatrick; George E. Lewis, Jr.; Charles D. McElrath; Patricia Schooley; and Jack Reeder.

Topics that will be presented during the meeting include:

1. Update on park operations.
2. Update on major construction/development projects.
3. Update on partnership projects.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, C&O Canal National

Historic Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection six weeks after the meeting at Park Headquarters, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Dated: February 2, 2006.

Kevin D. Brandt,

Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

The Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Dog Management at Golden Gate National Recreation Area

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App 1, section 10), of the first meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Dog Management at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

DATES: The Committee will meet on Monday, March 6, 2006. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held at Landmark Building A, The Conference Center, Fort Mason, San Francisco.

This, and any subsequent meetings, will be held for the following reason: to work with the National Park Service to assist in potentially developing a special regulation for dogwalking at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The proposed agenda for this meeting of the Committee may contain the following items; however, the Committee may modify its agenda during the course of its work. The Committee will provide for a public comment period during the meeting.

1. Welcoming Remarks by National Park Service.
2. Introductions of Committee Members.
3. Overview of Meeting Agenda and Objectives.
4. Discuss and adopt Organizational Protocols (Committee ground rules).
5. Presentation and discussion on applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
6. Presentation and discussion of sideboards and data.
7. Discussion of key issues and possible outcomes.
8. Discussion of potential subcommittees.
9. Discussion of agenda for next meetings and tasks between sessions.

10. Adjourn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public. The Committee was established pursuant to the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990 (5 U.S.C. 561-570). The purpose of the Committee is to consider developing a special regulation for dogwalking at Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Interested persons may provide brief oral/written comments to the Committee during the Public Comment period of the meeting or file written comments with the Park Superintendent.

Dated: February 14, 2006.

Bernard C. Fagan,

Deputy Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before February 4, 2006. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW, 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by March 4, 2006.

John W. Roberts,

Acting Chief, National Register/National Historic Landmarks Program.

GEORGIA

DeKalb County

Decature Waterworks, 1400 McConnell Dr., Mason Mill Park, Decatur, 06000123

Taliaferro County

Crawfordville Historic District, Roughly centered on the downtown business district of Crawfordville, Taliaferro, 06000124

IDAHO

Bannock County

Lincoln—Johnson Avenues Residential Historic District, Roughly bounded by W. Hayden St., the Portnsuf R, W. Benton St. and the West Bench, Pocatello, 06000126

INDIANA

Allen County

U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 1300 W. Harrison St., Fort Wayne, 06000125

MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk County

Prospect Hill Cemetery, Auburn Rd., Millis, 06000129

Plymouth County

Bradford House, 50 Landing Rd., Kingston, 06000128

Suffolk County

East Boston High School, Old, 127 Marion St., Boston, 06000127

Worcester County

Princeton Center Historic District (Boundary Increase), Address Restricted, Princeton, 06000130

MICHIGAN

Alpena County

Middle Island Light, (Light Stations of the United States MPS) E of shoreline of Middle Island, 3.2 mi. SE of Rockport, Alpena, 06000133

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coos County

Waumbek Cottages Historic District, 13, 18, 25, 36 Cottage Rd.; 14, 38 Starr King Rd., Jefferson, 06000142

Merrimack County

Contoocook Railroad Depot, 868 Main St., Hopkinton, 06000131

TENNESSEE

Anderson County

Cross Mountain Miners' Circle, Circle Cemetery Ln., Briceville, 06000134
Hawkins County
St. Marks Presbyterian Church, (Rural African-American Churches in Tennessee MPS) Jct. of N. Hassen and W. Kyle Sts., Rogersville, 06000132

VERMONT

Rutland County

Fort Vengeance Monument Site, US 7, 0.57 mi. S of town line, Pittsford, 06000139

Windham County

Whitingham Village Historic District, VT 100, School St., Brook St., and Stimpson Hill Rd., Whitingham, 06000140

VIRGINIA

Gloucester County

Werowocomoco Archeological Site, 3051 Ginny Hill Rd., Gloucester, 06000138