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Alternative A (No Action): The National Park Service would continue the hunting program as it was prior to a court decision to enjoin the pheasant hunting and stocking program. Hunting would continue in accordance with the seasons and regulations established by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW), and in accordance with the existing rules established by Cape Cod National Seashore pertaining to the time of year hunting is allowed, the species that can be hunted, and no-hunting zones. Under this alternative, the pheasant hunting and stocking program would be re-established.

Alternative B (Preferred Alternative): The hunting program described in Alternative A would be modified as described below. These modifications were derived from the input received during public scoping, and would retain hunting as part of Cape Cod's cultural heritage while addressing concerns raised by non-hunting visitors.

Element 1: An adaptive management approach would be used to phase out the pheasant stocking and hunting program over a 15-year period. The number of pheasants stocked each year would be determined in coordination with MDFW, and would be based on hunting pressure and the response of native quail populations to cultural landscape restoration activities. If at the end of 15 years, native upland game bird hunting opportunities have not increased to a level roughly commensurate to the stocked pheasant hunt, the park will work with MDFW to create opportunities for a stocked quail hunt.

Element 2: This element would simplify the scope of hunting areas, and would designate hunting-permitted areas versus the current policy which allows hunting in all areas except where specifically prohibited. The hunting-permitted areas would be delineated based on the existing 500-foot no-hunting buffers around paved roads and buildings, expanding the no-hunting buffers around bicycle paths from 150 feet to 500 feet, and eliminating the small patches and thin slivers of area that cannot practicably be hunted.

Element 3: This element would increase traditional hunting opportunities for native upland bird species. Specifically, the park's rules would be revised to allow the State's spring eastern turkey hunt to occur within the park. Additionally, this element would include developing and implementing cultural landscape restoration activities that are expected to improve habitat quality for upland game birds, particularly northern bobwhite quail.

Element 4: Improved information regarding hunting-permitted areas, hunting regulations, and safety measures would be developed. Outreach strategies would be developed to improve hunter and visitor understanding of the hunting program.

Alternative C: This alternative would consider eliminating hunting at Cape Cod National Seashore. A sub-element of Alternative C would eliminate only the pheasant program while retaining the other aspects of the hunting program.

George E. Price, Jr.,
Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, June 7, 2006. The meeting will convene at 4 p.m. at Northeastern University, Shillman Hall, Room 220, Boston, MA.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Public Law 104-333. The 28 members represent business, educational/cultural, community and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding Boston Harbor; Boston Harbor advocates; and Native American

interests. The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of a management plan and the operations of the Boston Harbor Islands national park area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Introductions of Advisory Council members present.
2. Review and approval of minutes of the March meeting.
3. Community Outreach.
4. Nominating Committee.
5. Report from the NPS.
6. Public Comment.
7. Next Meetings.
8. Adjourn.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Council meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Council or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110, telephone (617) 223-8667.

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Bruce Jacobson,
Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 19, 2006, at Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue, Glen Echo, Maryland.

The Commission will meet to consider the National Park Service Environmental Assessment evaluating the impacts of a proposal by Georgetown University to construct a boathouse for competitive rowing on the Georgetown Waterfront in Washington, D.C.

DATES: Friday, May 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue, Glen Echo, Maryland.