



December 9, 2013

RE: Preparation of a Resource Management Plan for DCR Properties on Cape Cod and the Islands

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On Thursday evening, December 5, 2013, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public forum at Cape Cod Community College in Barnstable to discuss, and solicit public input on, the preparation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for DCR properties on Cape Cod and the Islands. This was followed on Saturday, December 7, 2013 with an open house on the same topic at the Manuel Correllus State Forest Headquarters on Martha's Vineyard.

The purpose of both gatherings was to present information about the resource management planning process and to hear the public's questions, concerns, and ideas about priority management issues related to recreation, stewardship of resources, and park facilities within the Nickerson Complex. This operational complex includes: Shawme-Crowell State Forest, Quashnet Woods State Reservation, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Washburn Island, South Cape Beach State Park, Hawksnest State Park, Nickerson State Park, Cape Cod Rail Trail, Manuel F. Correllus State Forest, South Beach State Park, Joseph Sylvia State Beach, and Nantucket State Forest, as well as various reforestation lots and fire towers located on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket.

The presentation made at the December 5 public meeting and related information may be viewed at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>. We encourage all interested parties to view these materials and to provide us with input on the resources or issues that should be addressed during the Resource Management planning process, by Friday, January 10, 2014. Comments may be submitted by email to [dcr.updates@state.ma.us](mailto:dcr.updates@state.ma.us), with "Nickerson Complex RMP" noted in the subject line, or by letter to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. Please note that public comments submitted to DCR will be posted in their entirety on the DCR website, and no information, including personal information, will be redacted.

We appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward on this project to enhance the properties and facilities within the Nickerson Complex as natural, cultural, and recreational resources that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Sincerely,

John P. Murray  
Commissioner

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