

Quabbin Reservoir Watershed Public Access Management Plan Update April 2018 Public Comment Period

On Monday April 2, 2018, DCR reviewed with the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee (QWAC) a number of topics outlined in the draft Quabbin Public Access Management Plan Update that was approved by QWAC in October 2017. DCR discussed whether to implement changes to the draft regarding several activities to further the agency's efforts to balance recreational use while providing maximum protection for the source drinking water supply to 2.5 million people.

DCR accepted comments from the Committee and members of the general public in attendance. DCR also stated that public comments on these topics will be accepted for several additional weeks.

Based upon input received at the public meeting, DCR plans to maintain the policies outlined in the current draft plan and is therefore only considering changes to the activity listed below and invites public comment on this topic:

Elimination of geocaching on Quabbin Reservation and allow it in designated areas "Off-Reservation" with permission.

A link to the draft plan can be found on the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee web page, https://www.mass.gov/service-details/quabbin-watershed-advisory-committee-qwac.

If you have comments on this project, please submit them online by visiting https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments or by writing to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. The deadline for receipt of comments by DCR is Friday, May 4, 2018. Please note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including personal information, will be redacted.

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