

**Alternative A**

No Action, would continue the current situation at Whiskeytown. Management focus would remain on the lake and natural and cultural resource values would continue to decline because of the lack of human and financial resources for their management and protection.

**Alternative B**

Minimum Requirements, would be similar to Alternative C in terms of provisions for resource management and protection, but would provide fewer visitor services. The visitor service emphasis would continue to be focused on the lake and on safety and visitor protection, with only limited commitments to interpretation. The existing range of recreation uses, including the use of personal watercraft, would continue.

**Alternative D**

Expanded Recreation, retains the current management focus on active water-based recreation, and increases the capacity of the lake to accommodate use by adding a major new developed area near the mouth of Boulder Creek. Major new utility infrastructure would be required to support this development, and South Shore Drive would be widened, realigned, and paved to provide access. The existing spectrum of recreation uses on the lake, including use of personal watercraft, would be retained. However, a zoning plan would separate the reservoir into a low-speed zone, where personal watercraft use would be discouraged, and an unrestricted zone where all types of activities would be accommodated.

The environmental consequences of the alternatives are fully documented. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated from the action alternatives, because the plans include provisions to avoid or mitigate potentially significant impacts. The No Action Plan, Alternative A, would result in significant long-term impacts to natural and cultural resources due to insufficient management and protection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments on the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement should be directed to the Superintendent, Whiskeytown Unit, P.O. Box 188, Whiskeytown, California 96095. Comments on the draft plan must be received by November 30, 1998.

Public meetings on the draft plan will be held in the vicinity of the park. Times and locations will be publicized in the local media.

Inquiries on and requests for copies of the draft plan should be directed to Whiskeytown Unit, address as above, or by telephone at (530) 241-6584.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Notice of Publication of Final Procedures and Guidance for the Permitting of Filming and Photography in Units of the National Park Service**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces finalization and publication of the guidance and procedures document dealing specifically with Filming and Photography in units of the NPS. This information was developed to provide guidance and procedures to all units of the National Park System who deal with requests for the making of motion pictures, video taping, sound recording, or still photography. This document will appear as and may be found in Appendix 20 of NPS-53, the NPS Guideline on Special Park Uses which master document is already approved, finalized and published.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the guidance document will be made available upon request by writing to National Park Service, Ranger Activities Division, 1849 C St. NW, Suite 7408, Washington, DC 20240, or by calling 202-208-4874. The guidance document is also available on the Internet at the following web site: <http://www.nps.gov.refdesk> then selecting Director's Orders and Procedures.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dick Young at 757-898-7846, or 757-898-3400, ext. 51.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1998, the NPS published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comments on the proposed guidance and procedures document for filming and photography in all units of the NPS. The NPS received 15 responses to that notice. Those comments of significance, and the responses to those comments are as follows.

*Comment:* Approval time line needs to be clearer and needs to be shorter.

*Response:* The NPS has intentionally generalized this issue to ensure that Superintendents have the flexibility to

apply these guidelines, as they are appropriate in his or her park unit. The alternative, establishing a set time line and applying it Servicewide, would potentially lock many less complicated projects into a lengthy permit process.

*Comment:* Several responders commented on the proposed time restrictions for visitor use in filming locations.

*Response:* The types and quantity of acceptable disruptions to normal visitor use vary from area to area and situation to situation. Time restrictions may be adjusted by the individual park as needed.

*Comment:* Some respondents commented on a certain lack of detail when it came to determining which applicants are required to pay fees and how much those fees would be.

*Response:* The NPS points out that the proposed filming guideline is part of a larger document (NPS-53) that speaks to all aspects of cost and fee recovery which are, therefore, not repeated in this Appendix. In addition, because of the unique resource concerns of each area, costs to the permittee will vary according to the amount of resource and visitor protection needed.

*Comment:* Responders expressed concern about access to closed areas.

*Response:* The Superintendent has the authority to provide access to a closed area under the conditions established in a permit if such access does not violate statute or regulations, and the request does not adversely impact the resource or visitor experience.

*Comment:* Some responders expressed concern about limiting filming activities during times of peak visitation.

*Response:* The introduction of a commercial film project, or any other special park use, at times of peak visitation, would potentially burden the park resources and compromise the visitor experience beyond reasonable and manageable levels in some park units. As visitation continues to increase in our National Parks, placing limitations on special uses, especially during periods of peak visitation, may become increasingly necessary.

*Comment:* Some respondents were concerned about the guideline treatment of aircraft used for filming.

*Response:* Although aircraft use over many NPS areas is generally considered undesirable, the ultimate decision to permit rests with the Superintendent.

*Comment:* Several responders commented that the NPS should allow last minute changes and give on-site managers discretion to deal with them.

*Response:* In many parks the level of visitation and sensitivity of the

resources prohibit significant changes, however in most situations the on-site monitor has the authority to approve minor last minute changes that would not create resource damage or visitor impact.

*Comment:* One commenter questioned the number of permits allowed and approved, who makes this determination, and how is the determination made.

*Response:* The determination of the allowable number of permits is made by the Superintendent of the individual park unit, in accordance with existing statutes and regulations, by compiling information related to carrying capacity, visitor expectations and the potential for adverse impact to the resource in specific areas of the park unit.

*Comment:* One responder questioned whether the NPS should be accommodating, allowing or encouraging filming on the lands or in the structures it administers.

*Response:* The NPS allows filming when it is consistent with the protection and public enjoyment of park resources, and encourages filming when it is for the specific use of the park or when it assists the NPS in fulfilling its mission. The NPS has the authority and responsibility to permit, deny and manage these projects consistent with the mission of the NPS.

*Comment:* One responder believes that the use of the word "likelihood" when referring to possible resource damage should not be used.

*Response:* The NPS agrees and the language will be strengthened in the final guideline.

*Comment:* Several respondents commented on the prohibition on issuing permits for activities that the general public would not be allowed to do.

*Response:* Although it is not the policy of the NPS to censor story content, it is appropriate for the NPS to restrict the portrayal of activity that is illegal in the parks.

*Comment:* The guideline should not allow filming to risk historic objects or facilities.

*Response:* The section from which this quote was taken addresses insurance and liability. It does not mean that film permittees will be allowed to conduct activity that would place historic objects or facilities at increased risk.

*Comment:* One responder believes that deliberate infractions of the permit terms should result in automatic revocation and termination of the permit.

*Response:* The guidelines allow for the NPS representative on site to determine the seriousness of a permit violation and, in consultation with the park manager, take the appropriate action. Current rules promulgated at 36 CFR say violation of a term or condition of a permit may result in suspension or revocation of the permit by the Superintendent.

*Comment:* Several respondents objected to various sample conditions provided as exhibits in the guidelines.

*Response:* These conditions have been suggested as samples which, if used at all, must be modified for each park unit.

*Comment:* One respondent questioned the prohibition on the NPS renting equipment to permittees.

*Response:* Title 16 of the United States Code prohibits the NPS from renting their equipment to private individuals or companies.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

**Chris Andress,**

*Chief, Ranger Activities Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of subsistence resource commission meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Superintendent of Aniakchak National Monument and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Aniakchak National Monument announce a forthcoming meeting of the Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order. (Chairman)
- (2) SRC Roll call; confirmation of quorum. (Chairman)
- (3) Welcome and introductions. (Public, agency staff, others)
- (4) Review and adopt agenda. (SRC)
- (5) Review and adopt minutes from the November 1997 meeting.
- (6) Review commission's role and purpose.
- (7) Public and agency comments.
- (8) Status of commission membership.
- (9) Old business:
  - a. Status of recommendation to designate Ivanoff Bay and Perryville as resident zone communities.

b. Status of Aniakchak National Preserve hunting guide prospectus.

c. Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve visitor use report.

d. Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve status of moose and caribou populations.

e. Status of Unit 9E Board of Game emergency action caribou harvest restriction.

f. Status of 1992 Subsistence Hunting Program recommendations.

g. Status of draft Subsistence Hunting Program recommendations.

(1) 97-1: Establish a one year residency requirement for the resident zone communities.

(2) 97-2: Establish a registration permit requirement for non-subsistence hunting, trapping, and fishing activities within the Aniakchak National Preserve.

(10) New business:

a. Federal Subsistence Program update.

(1) Bristol Bay Regional Council March 12 meeting report.

(2) Report on Unit 9E BBRAC special meeting to consider requests for closure.

b. Public and agency comments.

(1) BBNA Funding Proposal—Northern Alaska peninsula caribou herd.

(12) SRC work session (draft proposals, letters, and recommendations).

(13) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.

(14) Adjournment.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 1998, and conclude at approximately 7 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, and adjourn at approximately 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The meeting location is: Community Subsistence Building, Chignik Lake, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen C. Gustin, Unit Manager, Rick Clark, Chief of Resources Management, or Donald Mike, Resource Specialist, Aniakchak National Monument, P.O. Box 7, King Salmon, Alaska 99613. Phone (907) 246-3305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

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*Acting Regional Director.*

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