

identify appropriate access and development in the park, particularly balancing growing park use and resource protection; and (3) identify appropriate land protection strategies workable on a predominantly privately owned landscape. Other issues may be added to this list following completion of scoping.

The new GMP will set forth a management concept for the park; establish plans for resource conservation, public use, and development; and identify strategies for resolving issues and achieving management objectives. It is expected that the GMP will guide park management for a period of fifteen to twenty years.

The GMP/EIS will investigate alternatives ranging from no-action to a variety of management approaches designed to guide public use and protect natural and cultural resources.

The environmental review of the GMP for the Niobrara National Scenic River will be conducted in accordance with requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations, and National Park Service procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

The National Park Service estimates the draft GMP and draft EIS will be available to the public in early 2001.

Dated: May 8, 2000.

David N. Given,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Cumberland Island National Seashore, Georgia

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a General Management Plan Amendment, a Wilderness Management Plan, a Resource Management Plan (Cultural and Natural) and a Commercial Services Plan. The DEIS will evaluate the environmental consequences associated with the proposed actions and the other alternatives on management of wilderness, cultural and natural resources, and commercial services.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be scheduled this summer. Time and place of the public meeting will be publicized

in area newspapers. The DEIS will be available sometime in late summer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To provide comments on this planning effort and to receive copies of the DEIS, please contact: Art Frederick, Superintendent, Cumberland Island National Seashore, P.O. Box 806, St. Marys, Georgia 31558, Telephone: (912) 882-4336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since June 1996 the NPS has been engaged in a process to determine the management of the island's wilderness. During the discussions concerning wilderness management, the NPS realized that the planning effort should broaden its focus. As a result the NPS has prepared a series of plans addressing the management of wilderness, cultural resources, natural resources, and commercial services.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We 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.

Dated: May 11, 2000.

W. Thomas Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare a General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.

A General Management Plan sets forth the basic management philosophy for a

unit of the National Park System and provides the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives for that unit. In the GMP/EIS and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives to address distinct management strategies for the park, including resource protection and visitor use. The plan will guide the management of natural and cultural resources and visitor use of those resources for the next 15-20 years. Development concept plans for selected facilities may be included with the GMP.

Scoping is the term given to the process by which the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS is identified. Representatives of Federal, State and local agencies, American Indian tribes, private organizations and individuals from the general public who may be interested in or affected by the proposed GMP/EIS are invited to participate in the scoping process by responding to this Notice with written comments.

All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including any names and home addresses of respondents, may be released for public inspection. Individual respondents may request that their home addresses be withheld from the public record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Requests to withhold names and/or addresses must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comments. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Among the major issues likely to be addressed in the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve GMP/EIS are (1) resource information and protection, including a land protection plan, (2) cooperation with associated partners and interests, (3) interpretation, (4) visitor use and services, and (5) park administration. A full range of alternatives, including "no action", will be considered in the GMP/EIS to address these and other issues that may emerge during the planning process. The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be available for public review by the spring of 2001.

Because the responsibility for approving the GMP/EIS has been delegated to the National Park Service,

the EIS is a "delegated" EIS. The responsible official is John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2000, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the REI Seattle Flagship Store, Second Floor Meeting Room, 222 Yale Avenue North, Seattle, WA, and Wednesday, June 21, 2000, 2:30–5:00 p.m. and again at 7:00–9:00 p.m., at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street, Coupeville, WA. Written comments on the scope of the issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the GMP/EIS should be received no later than August 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the GMP/EIS should be sent to Reserve Manager, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, P.O. Box 774, Coupeville, WA 98239–0774, or e-mail to ebly_administration@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reserve Manager, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, at (360) 678–6084, or NPS Reserve Liaison at (206) 220–4138.

Dated: May 11, 2000.

William C. Walters,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92–463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, June 7, 2000. The meeting will convene at 4 p.m. at the United States Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Jury Room II, Boston, Massachusetts.

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, 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 operation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of minutes from March 2, 2000.
2. Discuss and plan reportcard.
3. Discussion on the draft General Management Plan.

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 Ave., Boston, MA, 02110, telephone (617) 223–8667.

Dated: May 8, 2000.

George E. Price, Jr.,

Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Preservation Technology and Training Board: Meeting Cancellation

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), that the National Preservation Technology and Training Board that was scheduled to meet May 22, 2000, in Santa Fe, New Mexico is cancelled.

The Board was to meet Monday, May 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the DeVargas room of the Hotel St. Francis, 201 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Matters to be discussed were to include, officer and committee reports; consideration of present and future NCPTT programs; consideration of NCPTT mission and long-range plan, assess the accomplishment of the board's first six years; and the election of officers for two-year terms. The board meeting will be rescheduled at a later time.

Persons wishing more information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may do so by contacting Mr. E. Blaine Cliver, Chief, HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 343–9573.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

Eric DeLong,

Acting Chief, HABS/HAER, Designated Federal Official, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA

Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2000, the United States lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern district of Texas in *United States and State of Texas v. Alpha Metals, Inc., et al.*, Civ. A. No. G–00250, in connection with related case *Amoco Chemical Co., et al. v. United States, et al.*, Civ. A. No. G–96–272 (consolidated with Civ. A. No. G–96–247), pursuant to sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607. The proposed Consent Decree resolves civil claims of the United States and the State of Texas against settling generator defendants and settling former owner/operator defendants, and contribution claims against settling federal agencies, regarding the Tex Tin Superfund Site—a former tin and copper smelter and metals reclamation facility established during WWII—located in Texas City, Texas. Under the proposed Consent Decree, settling defendants agree to perform the cleanup of the Tex Tin Site, financed in substantial part by settling federal agencies, at an estimated cost of approximately \$27 million. In addition, the settling parties agree, among other things, to finance a proposed remedy addressing continued erosion in the Swan Lake Marsh are near Galveston Bay, pay natural resource damages relating to losses and injuries in the Swan Lake Marsh area, and reimburse Amoco Chemical Company for past response costs for work it performed at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to *United States and State of Texas v. Alpha Metals, Inc., et al.*, DOJ No. 90–11–3–1669. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, and the Region VI Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a