

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Doug Jacobs, Deputy Associate Regional Director for Lands, Resources, and Planning at (202) 619-7025.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Based upon new policies adopted since Hurricane Katrina, the USACE has deemed the 17th Street temporary barrier unreliable and decertified the levee. FEMA is responsible for issuing floodplain maps. FEMA proposes to treat the 17th Street closure as though it does not exist, putting a large portion of the monumental core and downtown Washington, DC, within the 100-year flood zone.

If the map is published as FEMA proposes, the buildings located within this zone would be required to buy additional flood insurance and/or make costly upgrades to comply with building standards for facilities within a 100-year floodplain. In addition, projects that are currently in development would need to be revised and could be delayed in order to comply with these building codes. At the request of the District of Columbia (District), FEMA has agreed to delay the final issuance of the new floodplain mapping until November 2009 to allow the District and other affected federal agencies time to design and implement an interim solution that will reliably stop the 100-year flood at 17th Street.

Due to the compressed deadline, the National Park Service has been working in collaboration with the District, USACE, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the staffs of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts to develop an appropriate range of alternatives. The EA evaluates five alternatives, all of which incorporate a permanent structure from Overlook Terrace in Constitution Gardens to the west side of 17th Street and another permanent structure on the east side of 17th Street which extends into the natural rise of the Washington Monument Grounds. The intervening space across 17th Street will have footings designed to receive a temporary post and panel closure system that would be deployed only during a major flood event. The permanent structures on either side of 17th Street will be a combination of earthen berms and concrete walls/embankments which will be clad in stone during a subsequent phase of the project. Alternative 1 has been identified as the preferred alternative and has been fully coordinated with the

National Mall Plan which is currently under development by the National Park Service.

The alternative selected in the EA will be further developed into preliminary and final designs which will be subject to additional review by the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.

Dated: January 15, 2009.

**Margaret O'Dell,**

*Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA.

This will be the annual meeting of the Council. The agenda will include a presentation on park stewardship, membership review and election of officers, park update and public comment.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Superintendent a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish to file a written statement at the meeting or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact Superintendent Bruce Jacobson at (617) 223-8667.

**DATES:** March 4, 2009 at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent Bruce Jacobson, (617) 223-8667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 NRA.

Dated: January 9, 2009.

**Bruce Jacobson,**

*Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a meeting for Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

**SUMMARY:** The Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) will meet to develop and continue work on National Park Service (NPS) subsistence hunting program recommendations and other related subsistence management issues. This meeting is open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the SRC. This meeting will be recorded and meeting minutes will be available upon request from the park superintendent for public inspection approximately six weeks after each meeting. The NPS subsistence resource commission program is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487, to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Craver, Subsistence Manager, Tel. (907) 683-9544, Address: Denali National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 9, Denali National Park, AK 99755 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Coordinator, Tel. (907) 644-3603.

*Proposed Meeting Date:* The SRC meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Location:* Denali Dome Home Bed and Breakfast, Healy, AK.

The proposed SRC meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Call to Order by Chair
2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum
3. Superintendent's Welcome and Introductions
4. Approval of Minutes from Last Commission Meeting
5. Additions and Corrections to Draft Agenda

6. Public and Other Agency Comments
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - a. Regional Office Update
  - b. State Game Board Actions on NCPA's Proposals
  - c. Wildlife Regulatory Timeline for Federal Subsistence Board Actions
  - d. Project Updates
  - e. Denali's Subsistence Management Plan
  - f. Response to letter from the Public
9. NPS Reports and Updates
  - a. Ranger Division Update
  - b. Resource Management Program Update Fish and Wildlife Updates
10. Public and Other Agency Comments
11. Set Time and Place of next Denali SRC Meeting
12. Adjournment

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SRC meeting location and date may need to be changed based on weather or local circumstances. If meeting date and location are changed, a notice will be published in local newspapers and announced on local radio stations prior to the meeting date. The meeting may end early if all business is completed.

Dated: December 23, 2008.

**Sue E. Masica,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Submission of U.S. Nominations to the World Heritage List

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Decision To Submit Nominations to the World Heritage List.

**SUMMARY:** This notice constitutes the official publication of the decision to submit nominations to the World Heritage List for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Hawaii, and Mount Vernon, Virginia, and serves as the Third Notice referred to in Sec. 73.7(j) of the World Heritage Program regulations (36 CFR part 73).

The nominations are being submitted through the Department of State for consideration by the World Heritage Committee, which will likely occur at the Committee's 34th annual session in mid-2010.

These two properties have been selected from the U.S. World Heritage Tentative List. The Tentative List consists of properties that appear to qualify for World Heritage status and which may be considered for

nomination by the United States to the World Heritage List. The current U.S. Tentative List was transmitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre on January 24, 2008.

The new U.S. Tentative List appeared in a **Federal Register** notice on March 19, 2008 (73 FR 14835-14838, March 19, 2008) with a request for public comment on possible initial nominations from the 14 sites on the U.S. Tentative List, particularly for the two sites named above.

The comments received and the Department of the Interior's responses to them as well as the Department's decision to request preparation of these two nominations appeared in a subsequent **Federal Register** Notice published on July 8, 2008 (73 FR 39036-39039, July 8, 2008). The Department considered public comments received during the comment period as well as the advice of the Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage in making the decisions to submit the two U.S. World Heritage nominations. Both properties meet the legal prerequisites for nomination by the United States to the World Heritage List. They appear to meet one or more of the World Heritage criteria and all owners of the two sites support the nomination of these nationally significant properties to the World Heritage List.

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument was selected for nomination in part because it would, as a marine site and a mixed cultural and natural site in the Pacific, fill conspicuous gaps in the U.S. portfolio of World Heritage Sites. Similar gaps likewise exist in the World Heritage List as a whole, wherein few marine, Pacific, or mixed sites are listed. The State of Hawaii, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the three co-stewards of the Monument, are strongly supportive of the nomination.

George Washington's Mount Vernon likewise would fill a gap in the U.S. cultural site list and on the World Heritage List as a whole. It is an outstanding example of a type of colonial cultural landscape that was tied to the plantation economy based on slavery that prevailed in the American South during the colonial and early Federal periods. It is also the primary illustration of the early historic preservation movement in the United States. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association, the owner, strongly supports the property's nomination.

**DATES:** The World Heritage Committee will likely consider the nominations at its 34th annual session in mid-2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen Morris, 202-354-1803 or Jonathan Putnam, 202-354-1809. For summary information on the U.S. Tentative List and how it was developed, please see the March 19, 2008, **Federal Register** notice (73 FR 14835-14838, March 19, 2008). Complete information about U.S. participation in the World Heritage Program and the process used to develop the Tentative List is posted on the Office of International Affairs Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/oia/topics/worldheritage/tentativelist.htm>.

To request paper copies of documents discussed in this notice, please contact April Brooks, Office of International Affairs, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW., (0050) Washington, DC 20005. E-mail: [April\\_Brooks@nps.gov](mailto:April_Brooks@nps.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The World Heritage List is an international list of cultural and natural properties nominated by the signatories to the World Heritage Convention (1972). The United States was the prime architect of the Convention, an international treaty for the preservation of natural and cultural heritage sites of global significance proposed by President Richard M. Nixon in 1972, and the U.S. was the first nation to ratify it. In 2005, the United States was elected to a fourth term on the World Heritage Committee and will serve until 2009. The Committee, composed of representatives of 21 nations elected as the governing body of the World Heritage Convention, makes the final decisions on which nominations to accept on the World Heritage List at its annual meeting each summer.

There are 878 sites in 145 of the 185 signatory countries. Currently there are 20 World Heritage Sites in the United States already listed.

U.S. participation and the roles of the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service are authorized by Title IV of the Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and conducted in accordance with 36 CFR 73—World Heritage Convention. The Department of the Interior has the lead role for the U.S. Government in the implementation of the Convention; the National Park Service serves as the principal technical agency within the Department for World Heritage matters and manages all or parts of 17 of the 20 U.S. World Heritage Sites currently listed.

A Tentative List is a national list of natural and cultural properties appearing to meet the World Heritage Committee's eligibility criteria for