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PUBLIC MEETINGS

DORCHESTER

Saturday, June 3, 2000
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
John F. Kennedy Library
Columbia Point

SALEM

Monday, June 19, 2000
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Salem Maritime National Historic
Site Visitor Center
2 New Liberty Street

QUINCY

Tuesday, June 20, 2000
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
City Hall, City Council Chambers
1305 Hancock Street

HULL

Thursday, June 22, 2000
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Hull Senior Center
197 Samoset Avenue

WINTHROP

Monday, June 26, 2000
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Winthrop Senior Center
35 Harvard Street

BOSTON

Tuesday, June 27, 2000
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Faneuil Hall

ROXBURY

Wednesday, June 28, 2000
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Roxbury Multi Cultural Center
317 Blue Hill Avenue

WALTHAM

Thursday, June 29, 2000
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Waltham Government Center
Arthur Clark Building
119 School Street

Call 617-223-8666 for information before 5:00 p.m.

Park's 20-Year Plan Due Out

The Boston Harbor Islands Partnership will be releasing its draft general management plan this spring for 60 days of public review and comment. During the review period, the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will host a series of community meetings to focus on the draft plan and its implications for the future of the Boston Harbor Islands national park area.

The draft plan concentrates on unifying the park into one entity with a set of goals, standards, and policies endorsed by its constituents. It presents policy-level guidelines, which are meant to guide the park for 15 to 20 years rather than site-specific and project-level plans.

Like public workshops held two years ago, the public meetings scheduled throughout the region are meant to reach a broad geographic audience. The public will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Advisory Council, which serves as an important outreach arm of the park.

People unable to attend one of the meetings are encouraged to review the draft general management plan on the website www.nps.gov/BOHA/admin and to send comments on the response form provided.



Highlights of Summer 2000

Several changes are in store for Season 2000 on the Boston Harbor Islands—from an increase in mainland departure points, to staffing of Peddock's Island for visitors, to the addition of moorings for small boats.

"In the past four years, our park Partnership has made impressive progress in fulfilling our Congressional mandate to make the Harbor Islands self-sustaining and affordable."

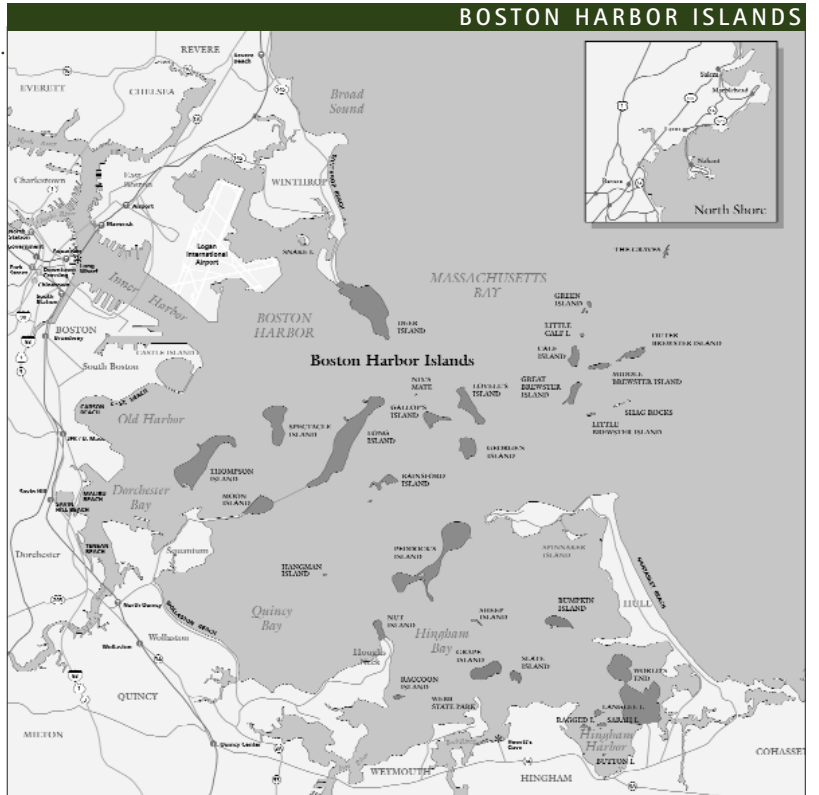
Bob Durand, Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs and Chairman of the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership

The park is beginning a variety of resource-related projects including a three-year study to determine carrying capacity of the islands; a program to address underground storage tanks; an inventory and monitoring program for natural resources; and an alternative-transportation system study.

This season, on the South Shore, passenger ferries will depart from Hull, Hingham and Quincy, and on the North Shore, ferries will depart from Salem. These ferries, along with service from Long Wharf in Boston, connect the mainland with George's Island, the park ferry terminus.

From George's, a free water shuttle operates among Bumpkin, Gallops, Grape, Lovell's, and Peddock's islands. These islands will be staffed daily to serve visitors. A new dock will be open at Peddock's, making Peddock's once again accessible to sailors.

Pleasure boaters will also find 77 new moorings at Peddock's, Gallops, George's, and Long islands.



Park Islands

Tours of Boston Light will be offered on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The Boston Light tours will depart from piers at the Kennedy Library and the Fan Pier, near the new federal courthouse. Saturday tours of Thompson Island will also depart from Fan Pier. Reservations are required for both tours, and there is a charge for each. Visitors departing for the islands are invited to visit the new Boston Harbor Islands Discovery Center at the courthouse.

The park general information line is 617-223-8666 or the Boston Harbor Islands Web site at www.bostonislands.com.



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