

this project focus on variations in location and extent of new visitor opportunities and facilities and access options in the areas mentioned above:

1. No new construction of facilities or access. (No-Action alternative).

2. Construct facilities in the Peters Hills at the southern boundary of Denali State Park and provide access to the site from the Petersville Road (Proposed Action).

3. Construct facilities at the Tokositna site identified in the 1997 South Side plan, and provide access to the site by extending the Petersville Road.

Other facility locations and access options within the study area may be identified for alternative evaluation based on the public comments received during public scoping.

Scoping: The planning team requests input from interested federal and state agencies, local governments, groups, organizations, recreational users, and the public. Written and verbal scoping comments are being solicited. Further information on this planning process will be available through public scoping meetings, press releases, and newsletters. Public scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage, Wasilla, Susitna Valley, McKinley Village, and Fairbanks Alaska in early 2004. Specific dates, times, and locations of scoping meetings will be announced. An agency scoping meeting will be held in Anchorage, Alaska in early 2004.

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 administrative record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will not, however, consider anonymous 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.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received on or before April 13, 2004. The draft EIS is projected to be available in late 2004. Comments may be sent to the address or Web site provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miriam Valentine, Park Planner, at the Talkeetna Ranger Station, P.O. Box 588, Talkeetna, AK 99676, (907) 733-9102, or at the following Web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The implementation plan will be based on existing federal and state plans including the 1986 Denali National Park and Preserve General Management Plan, the 1997 National Park Service South Side Denali Development Concept Plan, the 1989 Denali State Park Master Plan, the 1998 Matanuska-Susitna Borough Petersville Road Corridor Management Plan, and consideration of the Governor-chartered South Denali Citizens Consultation Committee report (1999).

The 1986 Denali National Park and Preserve General Management Plan calls for the development of visitor services and access to the South Denali region to take advantage of the area's dramatically sculptured landscapes and mountain-oriented recreational opportunities. This plan recommends the project be planned and developed cooperatively with the state of Alaska and with involvement from the private sector.

The 1997 South Side Denali Development Concept Plan is a regional cooperative plan formulated by a team representing the National Park Service, State of Alaska, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Denali Borough, Ahtna, Inc., and Cook Inlet Region, Inc. In the Record of Decision the NPS decided to construct visitor facilities at the western edge of Denali State Park near the end of an upgraded and extended Petersville Road. Developments would include a visitor center, parking, up to 50 campsites, a picnic area, hiking trails, information and safety signage, and associated facilities.

The 1999 South Denali Citizens Consultation Committee Final Report recommended modifying the development concepts in the South Side Denali Development Concept Plan while remaining consistent with its goals and objectives: to provide resident and visitor facilities throughout the south side of the Alaska Range to meet a wide range of needs and interests of the region's diverse user groups. The committee recommended that a nature center be constructed within the Denali State Park boundary and avoid an extensive upgrade of the Petersville Road through the canyon, thereby minimizing impacts to mining and backcountry uses.

The 1989 Denali State Park Master Plan recommends facility construction in the South Denali region: "Tremendous views of the Mt. McKinley massif and the diversity of surrounding areas make the park an appropriate location for a "South Denali Visitor Complex". The visitor complex will provide a focal point and staging area for the Denali State Park interpretive program."

One of the objectives of the 1998 Matanuska-Susitna Borough Petersville Road Corridor Management Plan is to enhance the visitor experience of Petersville Road in conjunctions with facility development in the South Denali region. Recommendations include interpretive panels, informational kiosks, vegetative buffers, and retention of scenic qualities along the road corridor.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

Thomas J. Ferranti,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission will be held at King Salmon, Alaska. The purpose of the meeting will be to review Federal Subsistence Board wildlife proposals and continue work on National Park Service subsistence hunting program recommendations including other related subsistence management issues. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed.

The Subsistence Resource Commission is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 25, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the COMSERFAC, FA Housing Complex in King Salmon, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary McBurney, Subsistence Manager at (907) 644-3598.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting will be published in local newspapers and announced on local radio stations prior to the meeting dates. Locations and dates may need to be changed based on weather or local circumstances.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

1. Call to Order (SRC Chair).
2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.
3. SRC Chair and Superintendent's Welcome and Introductions.
4. Review Commission Purpose and Status of Membership.
5. Review and Adopt Agenda.
6. Review and adopt minutes from last meeting.
7. Superintendent's Report.
8. Update—Review Federal Subsistence Board "Wildlife Proposals.
9. Update—Review Federal Subsistence Board Fisheries Actions.
10. Develop Comments for Federal Subsistence Board Proposals.
11. Public and Agency Comments.
12. Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
13. Adjournment.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection approximately six weeks after the meeting from: Superintendent, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 4230, University Drive #311, Anchorage, AK 99508.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Kathryn C. Collins,
Alaska Desk Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

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The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public

Law 96-487, and operation in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The meeting will be on February 25, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the COMSERFAC, FA Housing Complex in King Salmon, Alaska.

In accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.150, we may provide less than 15 days notice in the **Federal Register** to convene the Commission prior to the February 26, 2004, Bristol Bay Regional Council meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary McBurney, Subsistence Manager at (907) 644-3598.

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The following agenda items will be discussed:

1. Call to order (SRC Chair).
2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.
3. SRC Chair and Superintendent's Welcome and Introductions.
4. Review Commission Purpose and Status of Membership.
5. Review and Adopt Agenda.
6. Review and adopt minutes from last meeting.
7. Superintendent's Report.
8. Update—Review Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals.
9. Update—Review Federal Subsistence Board Fisheries Actions.
10. Develop comments for Federal Subsistence Board Proposals
11. Review Status of Subsistence Hunting Program Recommendations
12. Public and agency comments.
13. Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
14. Adjournment.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection approximately six weeks after the meeting from: Superintendent, Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve, P.O. Box 7, King Salmon, Alaska 99613.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

Marcia Blaszak,
Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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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 (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. The meeting will convene at 6 p.m. at the Children's Museum, 300 Congress Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Pub. L. 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 national park area. The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Introductions of Advisory Council members present
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from the December 3, 2003 meeting
3. Presentation of video program presented at the LA Partnership Conference featuring—the Boston Harbor Islands!
4. Update on Outreach Program
5. Nomination for Advisory Council Seats
6. Election of Officers
7. Report from the Superintendent
8. Public Comment
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

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 Avenue, Boston, MA 02110, telephone (617) 223-8667.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

George E. Price, Jr.,
Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.

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