

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare a General Management Plan (GMP) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Niobrara National Scenic River (hereinafter, "the Park"), Nebraska, in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a court decision invalidating a similar 1996 GMP/EIS and ordering a new one. This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulation 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment in the preparation of this EIS, the National Park Service intends to both validate information previously acquired for the 1996 GMP/EIS, and obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on several court-driven issues to be addressed in the new EIS. The National Park Service will scope this GMP/EIS via the media, a newsletter, and through a World Wide Web page. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

DATES: A project newsletter is being prepared, which is expected to be ready in February or March 2000. The newsletter will contain specific information about how to provide input to the scoping phase of this project. Availability of the newsletter will be announced through local and regional media outlets. The newsletter will be sent to all addressees of record in the planning of the park's 1996 GMP/EIS, and to others who request the newsletter. To request a copy of the newsletter and to be added to the project mailing list, contact the park superintendent at 402-336-3970 or by writing to one of the addresses below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and information should be directed to Superintendent, Niobrara National Scenic River, P.O. Box 591, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763; or by email, niob_gmp@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Niobrara National Scenic River, at either of the above addresses or at telephone number 402-336-3970

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A federal district court overturned the park's 1996 GMP/EIS in June 1999. The court did not invalidate the entire document, however, and specifically retained that section pertaining to the park's boundary. The broad array of issues identified in the 1996 GMP/EIS, including land ownership, landscape conservation, water resource protection, hunting, fishing, and trapping, and visitor education and protection appear valid but reaffirmation will be sought

through scoping. The lawsuit prompting the court ruling particularly challenged National Park Service's 1996 preferred management alternative and the associated environmental analysis. Since completion of the earlier document several additional issues such as retention of the Cornell Dam, public use limits, adequacies of public accesses, and general public orientation and education have arisen. The NPS proposes to address these new issues as part of the GMP.

Specific examples of other issues that will be addressed in the GMP are: (1) The extent and manner in which partnerships can and will be employed to achieve management objectives, (2) 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 by November 2000.

Dated: February 15, 2000.

Catherine A. Damon,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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.
- (2) SRC Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.
- (3) Welcome and Introductions.
- (4) Review and Adopt Agenda.
- (5) Review and adopt minutes from the March 29-30, 1999 meeting.
- (6) Commission Purpose.
- (7) Status of Membership.
- (8) Public and Agency Comments.
- (9) Old Business:
 - a. Review Secretary's response to subsistence hunting program recommendations:
 1. Geographic Place Names Request.
 - b. Roster Regulation Proposed Rule Publication.
 1. For Customary and Traditional Use Determinations: Unit 9E Brown Bear.
 2. Cooperative Wildlife Studies: Unit 9E Moose and Caribou.
 3. Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve Access Study Project Statement.
 - c. Status of Air Taxi/Outfitter Guide Concession Permit Program.
 - d. Request for resident zone community status for Perryville and Ivanoff Bay.
 - (10) New Business:
 - a. October 1999 SRC Chairs Workshop Report.
 1. NPS Customary Trade Regulations.
 2. Resident zone community one-year residency requirement.
 - b. Federal Subsistence Program Update.
 1. Bristol Bay Regional Council Report.
 2. Federal Subsistence Board Report.
 - c. Draft Subsistence Management Plan Review.
 - (11) Public and Agency Comments.
 - (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 Thursday, March 9, 2000 and conclude at approximately 6 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 10 and adjourn at approximately 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Community Subsistence Building, Chignik Lake, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deb Ligget, Acting Superintendent, 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 operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act. Note that under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), transcripts of any person giving public comments may be made available under a FOIA request.

Paul Anderson,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service; Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three public meetings of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission. Notice of these meetings is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Saturday, March 18, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

Address: Bushkill Visitor Center, U.S. Route 209, Bushkill, PA 18324.

Annual Meeting of the Citizen Advisory Commission.

Date and Time: Immediately following the regular public meeting listed above.

Address: Bushkill Visitor Center, U.S. Route 209, Bushkill, PA 18324.

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, June 15, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Address: New Jersey District Office, Route 615, Walpack, NJ.

The agenda will include reports from Citizen Advisory Commission committees including: Natural Resources and Recreation, Cultural and Historical Resources, Inter-governmental and Public Affairs, Construction and Capital Project Implementation, and Interpretation, as well as Special Committee Reports. Superintendent Bill Laitner will give a report on various park issues. The March 18, 2000, meeting will be followed by the Annual Commission meeting which involves election of officers. The meeting will be open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment on this issue.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware Water Gap National

Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission was established by Public Law 100-573 to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the United States Congress on matters pertaining to the management and operation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, as well as on other matters affecting the recreation area and its surrounding communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, PA 18324, 570-588-2418.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

William G. Laitner,

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Announcement of Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve and the Chair of the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Lake Clark National Park. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call—Confirm Quorum.
- (3) Introductions.
- (4) Superintendent's welcome.
- (5) Additions, corrections and agenda approval.
- (6) Approval of SRC meeting minutes.
- (7) SRC Purpose and Role.
- (8) Status of Membership.
- (9) Park Subsistence Coordinator's Report.
- (10) Report on October 1999 Chair Workshop.
- (11) Old Business.
 - (a) Status of Lake Clark Subsistence Management Plan.
 - (b) 1999 Federal Subsistence Board Action—Proposal #35 Unit 9B Moose.
- (12) New Business.
 - (a) Update on 2000-2001 Federal Subsistence Board Proposals.
 - (1) Proposal #31—Unit 9B Brown Bear.
 - (2) Proposal #32—Unit 9B Black Bear/Brown Bears.
 - (3) Proposal #39—Unit 9B Beaver.
 - (13) Federal Subsistence Fisheries Management Report.
 - (14) Agency Reports and Public Comments.
 - (15) Election of Officers.
 - (a) Chair.
 - (b) Vice Chair.

(16) SRC Work Session—Prepare correspondence/recommendations.

(17) Set time and place of next meeting.

(18) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 and conclude around 4:30 p.m. In accordance with 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b), we are providing less than 15 days notice in the **Federal Register** because of the following exceptional circumstances:

a. Winter conditions prevented the commission from meeting on February 3, 2000.

b. The need to convene the commission prior to the Bristol Bay Regional Subsistence Advisory Council meeting (March 2000).

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the Nondalton Community Hall, Nondalton, Alaska. Phone (907) 294-2288.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deb Liggett, Superintendent, or Lee Fink, Chief of Operations, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Drive, Suite 311, Anchorage, Alaska 99508, Phone (907) 271-3751 or Karen Stickman, Subsistence Coordinator, 1 Park Place, Port Alsworth, Alaska 99653, Phone (907) 781-2218.

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. Note that under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), transcripts of any person giving public comments may be made available under a FOIA request.

Paul Anderson,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Agenda for the March 29, 2000 Public Meeting of the Advisory Commission for the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

Public Meeting, Golden Gate Club in the Presidio 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Welcome—Neil Chaitin, Chairman, Opening Remarks—Neil Chaitin, Chairman, Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
10:15 a.m. Update—Haslett Warehouse, William Thomas, Superintendent