

NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE  
DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE  
WAQUOIT BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE  
WAQUOIT, MASSACHUSETTS

The Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR)—administered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a component of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System—has drafted a Management Plan for the period 2006-2011. It describes the history, assets, programs, and administrative structures of the Reserve. It also defines strategies for improving stewardship of the region's estuarine and coastal watershed ecosystems through integrated programs of coastal ecosystem research and monitoring; management and stewardship; and education and training aimed at coastal communities, organizations, and individuals. WBNERR staff will present a short overview of the draft Management Plan and invite public comment at a public meeting.

Date:	May 3, 2006
Time:	7:00pm-9:00pm
Location:	WBNERR Headquarters 149 Waquoit Highway Waquoit, MA 02536

**Written public comment is welcome and can be sent via U.S. Postal Service to:**

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**The deadline for submitting public comment is 5:00 pm on May 12, 2006.**

For more information on the project, please contact Brendan Annett, Acting Reserve Manager, at 508-457-0495 x103 or [Brendan.Annett@state.ma.us](mailto:Brendan.Annett@state.ma.us). A copy of the draft plan is available at DCR's Resource Management Plan Program website at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp/rmp-wbnerr.htm>.

DCR encourages public participation in this important project.