Nomans Land Island

National Wildlife Refuge

Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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This unstaffed refuge is part of the Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which has a FY 2006 budget of about $2 million and a staff of 15.9 people.

Purpose
Nomans Land Island National Wildlife Refuge was established for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.

Public Use Notes
- The refuge is closed to the public due to its past use as a U.S. Navy bombing range, and because of the island's sensitive habitat value.

Management Activities
- Provide nesting habitat for migratory birds
- Provide a migration stopover point for peregrine falcons
- Provide feeding and resting sites during annual migrations for a variety of migratory bird species
- Maintain a diversity of upland and wetland habitats
- Control invasive species
- Protect habitat for state and federally listed endangered and threatened species

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Highlights
A portion of the island has been managed as an overlay national wildlife refuge under a joint management agreement between the Department of the Interior and Department of the Navy since 1975.

Nomans Land Island was transferred in full to the Service in 1998.

The refuge is a historic nesting site for roseate, least, arctic and common terns as well as piping plovers.

Scoping for the draft comprehensive plan began in December 2004.

The refuge is considered the most important site in Massachusetts for migrating peregrine falcons during the fall.

Nomans Land Island NWR is a winter haul-out site for gray and harbor seals.

Issues
The U.S. Navy is completing environmental clean-up in compliance with Massachusetts regulations.

State regulators and members of the public advocate further ordnance removal at depths to allow public access.

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