

Monomoy and Nomans Land Island National Wildlife Refuges Comprehensive Conservation Plan

Planning Update

Fall 2007

Nomans Land Island Draft Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

Goal 1 Perpetuate the biological integrity and diversity of coastal island habitats to sustain native wildlife and plant communities, including species of conservation concern.

Objective 1.1 (Maritime Shrubland)

Manage 400 – 425 acres of maritime shrubland dominated by bayberry, sweet pepperbush, arrowwood, sumac, and other native fruiting shrubs to provide nesting and migratory habitat for landbirds of conservation concern including eastern towhee, thrushes, other fruit-eating fall migrants, and stopover habitat for migrating raptors.

Objective 1.2 (Herbaceous Upland)

Maintain 7 – 15 acres of herbaceous upland grasses that would support migratory shorebirds and provide habitat, including common, arctic and roseate terns.

Objective 1.3 (Marine Intertidal Beach and Rocky Shore)

Protect and manage the marine intertidal beach and rocky shore habitats to benefit marine mammals, nesting and migrating shorebirds, such as American oystercatchers.

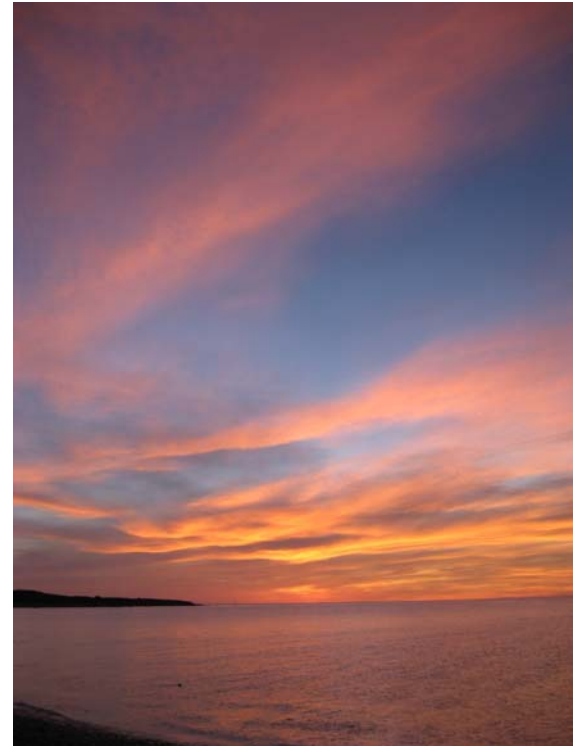
Objective 1.4 (Emergent Marsh Wetlands, Bogs, and Open Water)

Manage the 130 acres of freshwater wetland communities to support breeding marshbirds, such as Virginia rails, spotted turtles, and native plant communities.

Goal 2 Cultivate an informed public who support the goals of the refuge and the mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Wildlife Refuge System

Objective 2.1 (Community partnerships and outreach)

Cultivate and encourage partnerships with Tribal, regional, and local organizations and agencies to ensure that citizens of and visitors to Martha's Vineyard are aware of the Service presence on and the biological resources that exist on Nomans Land Island and know about the connection of local Service lands to the Refuge System.



Sunset on Nomans Land Island USFWS Photo



Goldenrod growing from cliff on Nomans USFWS Photo

Stay in touch....

As always, feel free to contact us at any time during the planning process. Keep an eye on the website at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/monomoy> or direct your CCP correspondence to: Bill Perry, Refuge Planner
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Objective 2.2 (Research partnerships)

Expand existing research partnerships to further our knowledge and understanding of Nomans Land Island's ecosystem and the Federal trust resources that depend upon it.

Objective 2.3 (Law enforcement partnerships)

Explore opportunities for partnerships with Tribal, Federal, State, or local enforcement agencies to further the conservation and protection of Nomans Land Island NWR and associated trust species.

Goal 3 Protect the integrity of island wildlife and habitats through special land designations

Objective 3.1 (Wilderness Designation)

Complete a Wilderness review for all of

the area within the refuge boundary by examining refuge lands.

Objective 3.2 (Other special designations)

Within 2 years of CCP approval, explore recommendations for appropriate special designations (such as Important Bird Area) and where appropriate initiate the designation process.

Goal 4 Archeological resource protection and management

Objective 4.1 (Archaeological resources)

Preserve archaeological resources on Nomans Land Island from destruction by coastal erosion or artifact looting.



Wet field on Nomans Land Island USFWS Photo

Alternatives

The next step in the CCP process is for us to develop a reasonable range of alternative management strategies that could help us achieve our Goals and Objectives for each Monomoy and Nomans Land Island.

Each of the alternatives that we develop will be analyzed to determine the impacts of implementing each alternative. We will identify a preferred alternative and present the alternatives, the affected environment, and our impact analysis in the form of our draft CCP. The draft CCP is scheduled to be ready for public review in the fall of 2008. We will include a formal comment period and public hearings with the public review.

We hope to include the various alternatives under consideration in a future edition of the "Planning Update."

These draft Goals and Objectives are provided for your information. There is no formal comment period at this point in the planning process. We do, however, welcome your thoughts at any time. Contact information is provided elsewhere in this Planning Update



Bird skeleton on Nomans Land Island USFWS Photo