

Chilmark Community Center  
April 6, 2005; 6 – 8 p.m.  
Public Meeting Issues/Comments/Questions

Cormorant roosting/nesting colony

- Concerns that a wilderness designation could affect cormorant control
- Cormorants affect local fisheries (i.e. herring runs)
- Possibility that control of populations is needed

Will the plan include monitoring of heavy metals contaminants?

- Possibility of effects of contaminants on Martha's Vineyard communities
- Long term monitoring vs. baseline studies
- Include explanation of contaminant work that has been done in layman's terms as a part of the CCP

Create a refuge brochure to explain Nomans Land Island

History of Nomans Land Island

Off-site interpretation

- Martha's Vineyard
- Mainland Massachusetts

Boundary/jurisdiction of refuge

- Boating

Ordnance clean-up received media coverage on Martha's Vineyard

- Potential misperception that Nomans Land Island is "safe"

Potential for designation of Nomans Land Island as a "Site of Cultural Significance"

- Oil spill response would receive priority for a skimmer

Are Navy land forms evident?

- Potential for restoration
- Surface to Air Missile site
- Horseshoe ponds that were created by the Navy
- Potential biological significance of "unnatural" landforms

Erosion reduction/stabilization

- Keep unexploded ordnance underground
- Potential to study the rate of erosion

Potential MOUs/Cooperative agreements for monitoring access

- Emergency response