

Sudbury Town Hall  
April 7, 2005; 2 – 4 p.m.  
Public Meeting Issues/Comments/Questions

Boundaries of the refuges are unclear  
Definitions should be in CCP

Wilderness management  
What restrictions on uses occur because of the Wilderness designation?  
Is hunting allowable in a Wilderness?

Access to Monomoy for fishing should be preserved

Parking on the Causeway is an issue for neighbors and the Town of Chatham  
Can the FWS help to find a solution to parking problems?

Public access to Monomoy is critical and must be maintained

Traffic on the access road to Monomoy Headquarters can cause problems for pedestrians walking to and from the headquarters and for residents of Morris Island

The use of a ferry service from both the refuge headquarters and other points around town is critical for the public to access North and South Monomoy Islands

How will a connection of Monomoy to South Beach affect management of the refuge?

Why is coyote control necessary?  
Staff discussed the avian diversity program  
Has the Service considered alternatives to lethal control?  
Are there other successful programs that can be used as examples of more humane approaches to shorebird protection?

Need for more Community outreach in general and the CCP specifically  
Local press  
Community events – participate in these, such as the June Maritime Festival held in Chatham

General refuge outreach – the following methods were suggested:

- Op-ed pieces in newspapers
- Visible presence in community
- Presentations at conferences
- Press releases
- Newsletters
- Monthly meetings/speakers

Self-policing/education about refuge programs or regulations – the following were suggested:

- Outreach to target groups
- 800# to report violations

Invasive species

- A member of the audience expressed the futility of invasive species control

The importance of seals versus the amount of fish that they eat and whether any control of seal populations is necessary