

News Release

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we, our) is pleased to announce that a draft version of the comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and accompanying environmental assessment (EA) for Nomans Land Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR, the refuge) is available for review and public comment through July 2, 2010. The CCP summarizes the refuge purposes, vision and goals and will guide refuge management for the next 15 years. The EA describes the three alternatives that the planning team evaluated in detail to achieve the refuge purposes, vision and goals, and analyzes their affects on the environment. This release announces the public meeting scheduled and how to obtain a copy and comment on the draft CCP/EA.

Our public meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Chilmark Community Center in Chilmark, MA. There will be a short presentation on the draft plan, and then we will record any comments you would like to provide.

You may request a hard copy or CDROM of the draft plan from our office at Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Sudbury, MA or by e-mailing northeastplanning@fws.gov. You may also view and download the draft CCP/EA online at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/nomansland/ccphome.html>. Copies are also available for reivew at the Chilmark Library and Town Hall.

We invite you to share your comments about the draft plan either in person at our public meeting or in writing. We will accept letters, faxes, and emails (northeastplanning@fws.gov; include "Nomans Land Island NWR" in the subject line). To be considered, all comments must be emailed or postmarked by July 2, 2010. Please mail comments to Carl Melberg, 73 Weir Hill Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776, Phone: 978-443-4661 ext. 32, Fax: 978-443-2898.

