

Re: Pink House Congressional Call Update

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Thank you Matt!

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Thank you Keith -- a few minor edits in the text, below.

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Hi Matt-

That timeline sounds good to me and I hope to have a draft com plan ready for review tomorrow. Please take a look at the following draft entry for the week ahead report and let me know of any edits you may have. Thank you!

The property known as 'The Pink House' on Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is a local landmark that has fallen into disrepair. The building needs to be removed from the property for public and environmental safety. Despite working over 7 years with partners to exchange the property, no viable options are present. On or around November 3, the refuge is releasing a draft EA for 30-day public comment with a proposed action for building demolition, site restoration, a small gravel parking lot, and a public viewing area into the adjacent salt marshes. Prior notice will be given via a meeting on or around November 2 with the local congressional delegation and the non-profit Save the Pink House group who have been active and locally vocal with their desire for the property to remain as-is. The public announcement will be made by a locally disseminated news bulletin and posting on the refuge's website.

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Hi All,

As the HMP comment period will end Saturday, Oct 28th (public open houses and the comment period in general have gone well so far), our goal is to release the Pink House EA either Thurs or Fri, Nov 2-3. I chatted with the congressional delegation yesterday and they are available for a meeting with the Pink House group on the day before public release (Nov 1 or 2); our other close partner/congressional notifications could be made a day before that.

Does this timeline still work for each of you? I will finalize the EA ( [EA Pink House.docx](#)) and Keith has been working through the comms plan.

Thank you,

Matt

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Thanks for that update, Jen!

We are just starting to put together the outreach plan on this and will incorporate that advance meeting into the timeline and overall strategy, think it's a great idea. Would be great if the Refuge could meet with them the afternoon/evening prior to us releasing the EA

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Hi All,

We had our call with staff from Rep Moulton, Sen Markey, and Sen Warren's office today to check in on the Pink House. The call went really well we updated them on what has happened since we last met in spring and gave them a heads up about the next steps. They appreciated the update and acknowledged how much Matt/Refuge has gone above and beyond on this issue. Rep Moulton's staff reminded everyone of the letter sent back in 2019 (attached for awareness) where we said November 2020 would be our deadline and we've even gone past that to continue possible leads. They realize how much effort FWS has put into this issue that is really beyond our mission and how we've worked so closely with the community for years, but now that we are past our deadline these efforts aren't productive anymore.

One point that came up for us to discuss is how we plan inform the Save the Pink House folks - staff suggested doing an in person meeting with STPH and the Congressional staff to inform them prior to our EA going public. It seems we may want to give STPH folks a heads up but not too much of a heads up they can go to the media before the EA is public. I realize that is a delicate balance so OC is happy to strategize on how best to handle that when the time comes. I know we are shooting for this one to go out around the beginning of November so we have sometime to discuss.

Have a great weekend!

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