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Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex
73 Weir Hill Road
Sudbury, MA 01776



June 10, 2014

Ms. Florence Seldin, Chair
Chatham Board of Selectmen
549 Main Street
Chatham, MA 02633

Dear Chairman Seldin:

Thank you for your June 4, 2014 letter re-iterating an earlier request from the Town of Chatham for an extension of the public comment period for the draft Monomoy NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) to December 31, 2014. Your letter followed a meeting held earlier that day with myself and Regional Refuge Chief Scott Kahan, Chatham selectmen and staff, and staff from the offices of Senator Markey, Congressman Keating, State Senator Wolf, State Representative Peak, and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. We appreciate the opportunity we had to further discuss the draft CCP that day.

At that meeting, Selectman Taylor and others provided a detailed explanation for an extension of the draft CCP public comment period. These points are repeated in your correspondence. Since then, we have received requests from the Chatham Summer Residents Advisory Committee and elected officials requesting that additional time be provided for review and comment. We have been listening to your concerns and those of others, and agree that extending the deadline to provide additional time to receive substantive comments, and enable summer residents adequate time to consider the proposals in the draft CCP, warrants an additional extension of the draft CCP. The public comment period will therefore be extended to Friday, October 10, 2014, which provides a full six-month review period. During this period, we will conduct an additional open house in late July or early August to further discuss our draft proposals with the public.

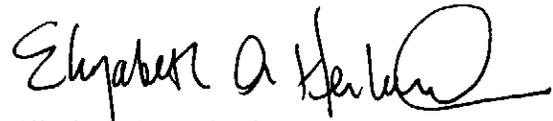
Although this six-month public comment period exceeds both the minimum 45-day review period prescribed by law and the length of the public comment periods for other plans in our region, we have determined that extending the comment period to give more time for public review is reasonable. We thank you for the opportunity to discuss your concerns about the comment period, and we look forward to hearing your additional comments about the Monomoy CCP in the weeks to follow.

Ms. Florence Seldin

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If you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at 978-443-4661 x11 or by e-mail at libby_herland@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Herland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Elizabeth A. Herland
Project Leader

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Senator Elizabeth Warren
Senator Edward Markey
Representative William Keating
State Senator Dan Wolf
State Representative Sarah Peake
Board of Selectmen
Jason R. Talerma, Town Counsel
Robert A. Duncanson, Ph.D., Director of Health and Environment
Renee Gagne, Shellfish Constable
Ted Keon, Director of Coastal Resources

USFW Draft Comprehensive Plan Contact Information

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has released the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for comment.

What can you do to respond to the proposed conditions set forth in the Monomoy plan?

- 1 Write or call the officials below to state your support for the town, for all the shellfishermen who live in Chatham, and for your right to recreationally access the refuge.
- 2 Go to the USFWS website to fill out the official comment form. Read their CCP online to see how you could be affected and voice your concerns:

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Monomoy/what_we_do/conservation.html

A link to this may also be found at the town's web site:

<http://www.town.chatham.ma.us>

CONTACT LIST:

US Fish and Wildlife Service

E-mail: northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include "Monomoy NWR Draft CCP/EIS" in the subject line.

Mail: Libby Herland, Project Leader; Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

You can also go to the Monomoy Refuge website and download a PDF comment form.

US Federal Representatives

Senator Elizabeth Warren:

Email: <http://www.warren.senate.gov>. Click “Contact” and fill out form and include comments.

Mail: Senator Elizabeth Warren, 2400 JFK Federal Building, 15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA 02203 Phone: 617-565-3170. Ask for Stephanie Houghton.

Senator Ed Markey:

Email: <http://www.markey.senate.gov>. Move cursor over CONTACT in upper right corner and click “Email Ed”. For message topic, click “fisheries.” Mail: Senator Ed Markey, 975 JFK Federal Building, 15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA 02203.

Phone: 617-565-8519 Congressman William Keating: Email: Andrew Nelson, JD at Andrew.Nelson@mail.house.gov. Include

“Monomoy NWR” in the subject line.

Mail: Congressman William Keating, 297 North Street, Suite 312, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Phone: 508-771-0666.

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