

APPENDIX D:

Public Comments on the Draft Plan and Responses

The draft South Coastal Harbor Management Plan was presented to the Chatham Board of Selectmen, at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2003.

The draft plan was available for public review and comment beginning Wednesday, November 19, 2003 through January 16, 2004. Copies of the plan were placed on file for public review at the Eldredge Public Library and the Chatham Town Clerk's office. The draft plan was also available through the Town's website, www.town.chatham.ma.us. Copies of the plan were also sent to town, county and state officials for review.

A public presentation of the draft plan was given on Monday, December 8, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Eldredge Public Library. Public comment was invited at the meeting, and through written comments directed to the attention of Theodore Keon, Director, Coastal Resources Department, Town of Chatham, 549 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633.

A press release containing information regarding the public comment process and availability of the plan was issued. Copies of the draft plan were sent to federal, state, county and local governmental organizations that have oversight or direct interest in the topical or geographic scope of the plan. Executive summaries of the draft were mailed to residents and business owners who had expressed an interest in receiving material or had registered their contact information at one of the public forums.

The following is a summary of the comments received during the public comment period. The comments were reviewed by the SHMPIC and a brief response is provided for each comment received, noting the disposition of the comment or information.