



Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Public Meeting

### Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Draft Management Plan

**Monday, June 30, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**131 Waquoit Highway (Route 28), Waquoit, MA 02536**

This meeting will include a presentation, and opportunity to provide public comments, on the contents and recommendations of a draft update for the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR) Management Plan.

As both a DCR property and also one of 28 federally-designated National Estuarine Research Reserves in the U.S., WBNERR is largely administered by DCR in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA.) The draft plan is being prepared in coordination with DCR's development of a Resource Management Plan for the Cape and Islands Complex, which includes WBNERR and numerous other properties, to ensure that the two plans are compatible and complementary.

The purpose of the Management Plan is to lay out a five-year strategy for meeting the Mission of the Reserve, which is to promote science-based decision-making that leads to healthy coastal ecosystems. The Management Plan is an update for the plan approved in 2006. It outlines the administrative structure and the research and monitoring, education, training, and stewardship goals of the Reserve.

The full draft Management Plan is available for viewing on the Reserve's website at [www.waquoitbayreserve.org](http://www.waquoitbayreserve.org) and, in hard copy, at the Reserve's Visitor Center at 131 Waquoit Highway, Waquoit, MA. Written comments on the draft plan will be taken until July 31, 2014. Comments can be submitted via email to [Waquoit.bay@state.ma.us](mailto:Waquoit.bay@state.ma.us) or submitted by mail to: Waquoit Bay Reserve, P.O. Box 3092, Waquoit, MA 02536. If you have questions about the public meeting, please call 508-457-0495 x 108.

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