

Amendment Charter

2008

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A. **DESIGNATION.**
The official designation of the Council is the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council (Council).
- B. **PURPOSE.**
The purpose of the Council is to represent various groups with interests in the recreation area and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership on issues related to the development and implementation of the integrated resource management plan.
- C. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**
The duties of the Council are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph B above.
- D. **MEMBERSHIP.**
1. The Council shall consist of no fewer than 18 members appointed by the Director, National Park Service. The Director shall appoint no fewer than three individuals to represent each of the following categories of entities:
 - (a) municipalities;
 - (b) educational and cultural institutions;
 - (c) environmental organizations;
 - (d) business and commercial entities (including those related to transportation, tourism and the maritime industry);
 - (e) Boston Harbor Islands-related advocacy organizations; and
 - (f) organizations representing Native American interests.
 2. Two members of the Council will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership as voting members and two will be appointed as voting alternates.
 3. Members will be appointed for 3-year terms. A member may be reappointed for one additional 3-year term. Any vacancy on the Council will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
 4. If any member fails to attend two successive meetings of the Council, the Designated Federal Official (DFO) may recommend the removal of the member by the Secretary and a replacement named.
 5. Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Council business approved by the DFO will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.
 6. Members are not considered to be Special Government Employees.
- E. **ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.**
No Committee or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which member has a direct financial interest.
- F. **ADMINISTRATION.**
1. **CHARTER.** The Council is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), and may take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Section 9 (a) of the Act have been complied with. The provisions of section 14(b) of FACA requiring a biennial rechartering are inapplicable to the Council pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 102-525, October 26, 1992. However, there will be a biennial review of the Council to determine if its goals and objectives are being fulfilled.

2. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL. The Council reports to the Regional Director, Northeast Regional Office, Philadelphia, PA. The Regional Director or a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director will serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for purposes of Section 10 of FACA to oversee the management of the Council.
3. CHAIRPERSON. The members of the Council will select the chair of the Council.
4. SUPPORT AND COSTS. Support for the Council is provided by the National Park Service. The estimated operating cost of the Council is \$15,000, which includes the cost of 1/4 person-year of staff support.
5. MEETINGS. The Council shall meet at the call of the DFO, but not less often than twice a year. All meetings will be conducted in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Notice of meetings and agendas will be published in the Federal Register and in State and local newspapers having a distribution that generally covers the area affected by Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area. Council meetings will be held at locations and in such manner as to ensure public access and involvement. All meetings will be open to the public.
6. SUBCOMMITTEES. In carrying out its duties, the Council may form subcommittees drawn in whole or in part from the full Council, provided that the role of such subcommittees will be merely to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full Council. A member of the full Council will chair any such subcommittees. Membership on and meetings of subcommittees are subject to approval by the DFO. All subcommittee meetings will be open to the public.
7. BY-LAWS. The Council, in consultation with the DFO, may establish such by-laws and procedures as it considers necessary to carry out its functions.

G. DURATION AND DATE OF TERMINATION.

The Council is expected to remain in existence for as long as the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership remains in existence, or until terminated by act of Congress. There is no statutory termination date for the Council.

H. AUTHORITY.

The Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council was established by Division I, Title X, subsection 1029(g) of Public Law 104-333, the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, November 12, 1996.

/s/ Mary A. Bomar
Director, National Park Service

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The filing date of this amendment charter does not constitute the date of renewal of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Advisory Council.