National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior



Superintendent's Update

presented by

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Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

Today's Topics

- Operations
- Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars
- Stocking by MassWildlife
- BOEM and Wind Energy

We are Fully Operational

- All six Public beaches are open
- New Fee Booths at Race Point and Head of the Meadow
- Marconi Stairs complete and open
- Park Sign installation in process
- Tuesdays at Salt Pond and Wednesdays at Herring Cove
- Highland Links Golf Course call for proposals closes July 5



Current Status

Dune Shack	Ownership	Occupant	Current Legal Instrument	Term Expires
Cohen "C-Scape"	US Government	Non-Profit: Provincetown Compact	General Agreement	12/21/2024
Fleurant	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
Adams – Guest	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
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Champlin "Mission Bell"	US Government	Private Individuals	Life Estate for person and their children	undetermined
Werner "Euphoria"	US Government	Non- Profit: Peaked Hill Trust	SUP	11/1/2024
Malicoat	PRIVATE	PRIVATE	None: Legal Owner	NA
Margo-Gelb "Boris'"	US Government	OCARC: Outer Cape Artists in Residence Consortium	General Agreement	12/31/2024
Kemp	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
Malkin-Ofesvit "Zara's"	US Government	Peaked Hill Trust	SUP	11/1/2024
Fowler	US Government	Provincetown Compact	General Agreement	12/31/2024
Fearing "The Grail"	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
Chanel	US Government	Private Individuals	SUP: Special Use Permit	10/1/2028
Werner "Thalassa"	US Government	Peaked Hill Trust	SUP	11/1/2024
Braaten	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
Watson-Schmid "Peg's"	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
Wells	US Government	Peaked Hill Trust	SUP	11/1/2024
Jones	US Government	Private Individuals	Lease	9/30/2033
Armstrong	US Government	Private Individuals	SUP	8/31/2024 (9/31/2025 extension)

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- Experience or history of involvement with the historic district which may include association with eh tradions and living history of the shack
- Association with the values and traditions that contribute to the shack's history and the cultural significance of the historic district
- Commitment to participate in public access opportunities for the historic districts
- Desire and commitment to protect and promote the values and significance of the historic district and continuation of tradition and cultural identity
- Capacity to perform maintenance
- Availability and Intent to use the shack

Request for Proposal Criteria: 36 CFR 18.8 leasing regulation

- Experience Please explain how your experience and background qualify you to safely and reliably utilize, manage and maintain these unique properties.
- Improvements and Maintenance Plans to preserve and protect the historic property, proposed maintenance plan, repairs, replacements and improvements.
- Use of property Describe intent to utilize the property including how often you will stay and your expected length of stay, the number of guests on a regular basis, and any other details you believe are relevant.
- Environmental Enhancement Explain your proposal for managing and using the property in an environmentally enhancing manner.
- Financial Capability The Offeror must be capable of making the financial investment they have proposed.
- Rent Offered State how much rent you offer to pay.

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- Capacity to perform the required maintenance
- Availability and intent to use the shack
- Desire and commitment to protect and promote the values and significance of the historic district and the continuation of tradition and cultural identity
- Not Captured: Commitment to participate in public access opportunities for the historic district

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Where to Find More Information

<u>Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars Historic District - Cape Cod</u>
 <u>National Seashore (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)</u>

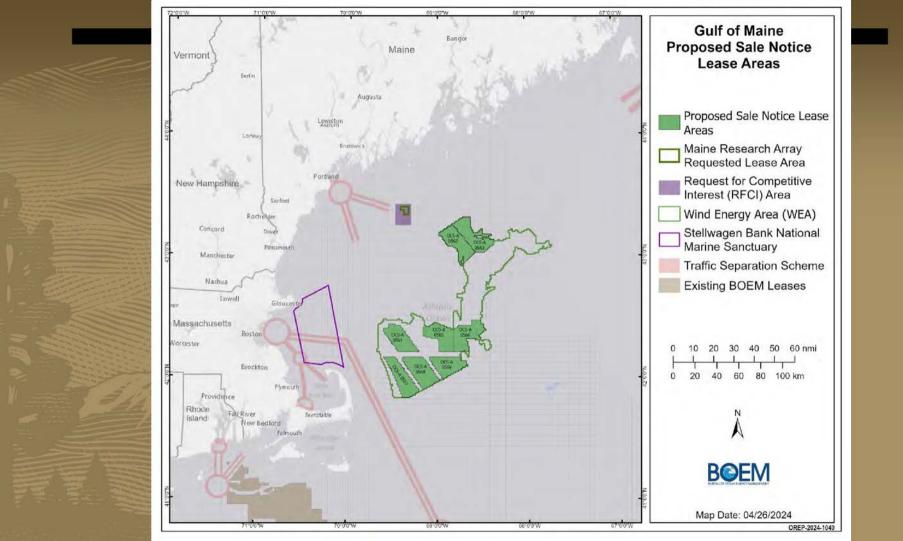
ParkPlanning - Cape Cod NS Dune Shack District
Preservation and Use Plan / Environmental Assessment
(nps.gov)

MassWildlife Stocking Request

- Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
 (MassWildlife) has requested to stock Northern Bobwhite
 (Quail) within the Seashore
- Would replace stocking of Pheasants which ended last year as a result of litigation and was documented in the 2007 hunting EIS.
- The Seashore's enabling legislation permits hunting consistent with state law.

MassWildlife Stocking Request

- NPS Management Policies "the Service does not engage in the stocking of plants or animals to increase harvest"
- NPS regulations generally forbid third parties from "introducing wildlife, fish, or plants, including their reproductive bodies, into a park area ecosystem." 36 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(2). Absent specific statutory authority that would override this regulation, stocking is not permitted. The Seashore does not have such authority.
- This is not an activity the Superintendent has the discretion to allow. The National Environmental Policy Act requires a formal, public evaluation to consider such a request.



BOEM Lease Process

Planning and Analysis



6/30/24

Leasing



Site Assessment



Construction and Operations

Request for Interest

Call for Information

Identify Wind Energy Areas

Environmental Reviews for Leases

Proposed Sale Notice

Final Sale Notice

Auction

Lease Granted

Pre-Survey Meetings

Submit Site Assessment Plan (SAP)

> BOEM Reviews and Approves SAP

Site Assessments and Surveys

Submission of COP

BOEM Deems COP. Sufficient

NOEM Environmental Reviews BOEM Approves COP

Design and Installation Plans Submitted

Installation

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

The National Park Service is engaged in their NEPA and 106 process.

- The National Park Service is submitting comment on all phases of the process.
- The NPS is interested in viewshed impacts, impacts of construction, transmission line placement and on-shore facilities.

Publicly Available Resources on BOEM's Website:

Information on BOEM's process for overseeing offshore wind:

BOEM's Citizens Guide to the Process (currently in steps 5 & 6, starting on p6) <u>A Citizens</u> Guide - Renewable Energy Updated 12.04.23.pdf (boem.gov)

• BOEM Wind Energy Commercial Leasing Process <u>Microsoft Word - BOEM Renewable</u> Energy fact sheet 12192011 3 .doc

Information Specific to Gulf of Maine:

- BOEM's Gulf of Maine Project Page Gulf of Maine | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (boem.gov)
- BOEM Virtual Meeting Presentation May 23, 2024
- BOEM Gulf of Maine Task Force Presentations (May 2024)

Where to Find More Information

Federal Register :: Notice of Availability of a Draft
 Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Lease
 Issuance, Site Characterization Activities, and Site
 Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental
 Shelf in the Gulf of Maine offshore the States of Maine and
 New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Virtual Public Meetings July 8 and 10