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## Fire Island National Seashore News Release

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### NPS seeks Public Input on a Mosquito Management Plan for Fire Island National Seashore

*Patchogue, NY*—The National Park Service, in conjunction with Suffolk County, has begun work on a Mosquito Management Plan and environmental assessment for Fire Island National Seashore. Sharing information about the park’s plan, how the park’s plan will fit into the County’s *Vector Control and Wetlands Long Term Plan*, and seeking public input are essential steps in this effort. The National Park Service invites the public to learn more about the proposed plan and share their ideas and opinions about mosquito management issues within the boundaries of Fire Island National Seashore. Public meetings to discuss mosquito concerns are scheduled for late August on Fire Island and on the mainland of Long Island.

*Public meeting* dates and locations are as follows:

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#### Saturday, August 26, 2006

Ocean Beach Community Center 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Located on Fire Island, just west of Ocean Beach Ferry Terminal*

Davis Park Church of the Most Precious Blood 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Located on Fire Island, east of the Fire House*

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#### Thursday, August 31, 2006

Mastic Beach Property Owners Association Club House 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*31 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach, NY 11951*

A specific mosquito management plan for Fire Island National Seashore is required under federal law because of national policy requirements related to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Superintendent Mike Reynolds noted “This plan will focus on trying to protect the park’s critical natural resources and at the same time ensure that public health and safety are forefront in our mosquito management needs.”

For more information, visit the park’s website at [nps.gov/fiis](http://nps.gov/fiis).

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