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Fire Island National Seashore Special Tours to Barrett Beach Ferry Service from Patchogue on July 21-22 and August 18-19

Patchogue, NY—Fire Island National Seashore is providing additional services at Barrett Beach/Talisman in 2007 on two special demonstration weekends: July 21 - 22 and August 18 - 19. Weather permitting, round- trip ferry service from the Watch Hill Ferry Terminal in Patchogue will leave at 9:15 a.m. and return back to Patchogue by 4 p.m. Lifeguards and limited snack bar service will be available for passengers and regular visitors on these two weekends. “We look forward to expanding our level of services at this site,” stated Superintendent Mike Reynolds, “and encourage you see a new part of Fire Island if you’ve never visited before.”

Parking at the Watch Hill Ferry Terminal is free, and the price of a round- trip ticket is \$14/adult, \$9/child. The snack bar, operated by Fire Island Concessions, LLC, will provide a limited menu for lunch. Hamburgers, hotdogs and prepackaged sandwiches will be for sale; drinks include canned soda and bottled water. The Barrett Beach snack bar and lifeguarded beach will be staffed from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on these two special weekends.

Pets are not permitted on the ocean beach at Barrett Beach within Fire Island National Seashore through August 6, due to the presence of piping plover chicks. Your understanding of restrictions and support for the threatened and endangered species program are greatly appreciated.

Barrett Beach/Talisman continues to be a favorite day- use beach, where smaller boats regularly anchor offshore. There is a floating dock for the drop- off of passengers on private vessels and water taxis. Groups may arrange for charter service to Barrett Beach from Patchogue (call Davis Park Ferry Company at 631- 475- 1665). Facilities include bayside restrooms and picnic tables, and a quiet stretch of ocean and bay beach. This is the narrowest part of Fire Island, and one of the widest sections of the Great South Bay.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/fiis. Enjoy your summer on Fire Island.

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Fire Island National Seashore continues the process of developing a new General Management Plan (GMP) for the park. You can stay abreast of the planning steps by visiting the park's web site, or by signing up for an e- newsletter. "We value your opinions and input at every step of the way as we go through the GMP process," stated Superintendent Reynolds. "With your support and input, we can all watch Fire Island National Seashore develop to its full potential as a unit of the great nationwide system of National Park Service sites." For more information about Fire Island National Seashore's new GMP, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/fiis/parkmgmt/generalmanagementplan.htm.

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