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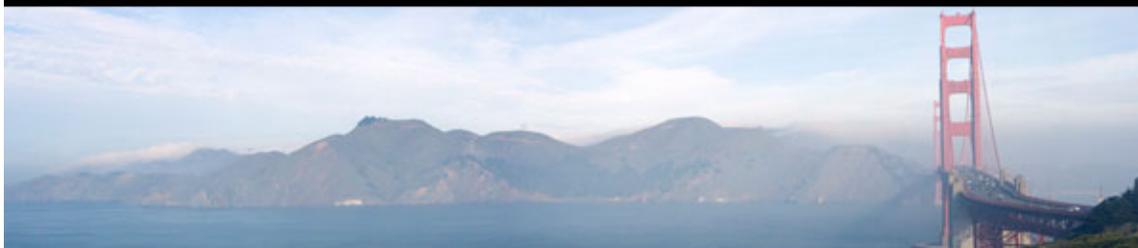
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General Management Plan

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AN UPDATE ON THE NEW GMP

Dear Park Friends,

We would like to provide you with a brief update on the new General Management Plan (GMP) as it moves through the **internal review** process. In the National Park Service, internal review of a draft GMP is a series of reviews and revisions first by park staff, then regional office staff, followed by Washington staff, and finally the office of the Director. These cycles will keep us busy through the year. To help you track the plan's progress we will send you a short update after we clear each level of review. We posted an up-to-date project schedule below. It shows the major milestones for the GMP leading to public review of the draft in 2011 and a final record of decision in 2012.

Our goal is to produce a clear, well-written plan that is as durable as the park's first GMP which guided the park for 30 years. The diversity of the park's resources, the complex issues we face, and the dedication of supporters, like you, requires that we give the new plan an extra measure of care and thoroughness. Although we are focused on completing internal review, we are always interested in hearing from you. Our contact information is provided at

the end of this message. Please continue to let us know your concerns and interests. Suggestions about how you would like to review the draft plan when it is ready are welcome.

UPDATED PROJECT MILESTONES

- Pacific West Region, Washington, and NPS Director review the Draft GMP/EIS and grant permission to printWinter 2010
- Public review of the Draft GMP/EISWinter/Spring 2011
- Region and Washington review of the Final GMP/EISWinter 2011
- Print and distribute the Final GMP/EISSpring 2012
- Publish the Record of DecisionSummer 2012
- Print the summary Presentation PlanFall 2012

A NEW TWIST

Faithful readers of previous newsletters will recall an important deficiency of the 1980 GMP: it does not provide direction for managing the park's natural and cultural resources located **offshore**. The emergence of a new national-level **ocean stewardship policy**, among other factors, helped the planning team formulate goals for these marine and intertidal areas. For example, the ocean waters off Point Bonita on the Marin coast and the wreck of the clipper ship *King Phillip* on Ocean Beach will be covered in the new GMP. For most of the park, the official boundary extends seaward to about a quarter mile from the shore.

In reviewing the early draft, which proposed cooperating with other agencies to manage these areas, we learned that the park's boundary in San Mateo County is very different. Despite managing a number of sites that extend down to the shore, as at Mori Point, the park boundary only rarely extends offshore. We are revising the alternatives to reflect this new information, and are also discussing the pros and cons of requesting an **adjustment to the park boundary**. Although boundary adjustments can be proposed at any time, this is a particularly appropriate time to evaluate the need for boundary adjustments across the whole park.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

You can expect to receive other GMP updates later this year, but you can also contact us at any time by phone at (415) 561-4965 (messages only), fax (415) 561-4939, email goga_gmp@nps.gov, or surface mail at:

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