

Preserving America's Heritage

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Ref: *Section 106 Review Process for the 34th America's Cup
San Francisco, San Francisco County, California*

Dear Mr. Donaldson: *Wayne*

Following a request from your staff, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has completed an inquiry regarding the Section 106 review process for activities related to the 34th America's Cup Final Race (AC34) scheduled to occur during September 2013 in San Francisco, CA. We specifically inquired with a number of federal agencies who will be issuing permits or approvals for activities associated with AC34 or whose property will be impacted by race events, staging or visitor activities. We understand that the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) as co-lead agencies, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Presidio Trust (PT) as cooperating agencies, have initiated an Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for AC34 activities.

Having identified these federal agencies, we asked each to describe how they intended to coordinate the Section 106 review process with the NEPA process for this complex multi-agency undertaking. The ACHP did not contact the USCG, Sector San Francisco, as your office concurred with a no historic properties effected determination in April 2012. Specifically, we requested information from the NPS (Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park), the USACE's San Francisco District, and the PT on:

- The federal agency's schedule and strategy for the necessary Section 106 review process;
- The federal agency's plan to invite and encourage the participation of your office, Indian tribes, local government, the AC34 organizers (the applicant), and other consulting parties in the Section 106 review process; and
- The federal agency's plan to involve the public in the Section 106 review process.

NPS, USACE, and the PT all responded that each agency will independently conduct Section 106 consultation for each agency's respective undertakings. Copies of the letters received from each agency, which detail the status of Section 106 consultations and undertaking implementation, are attached for your information.

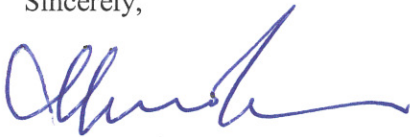
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The responses provided indicate that each federal agency will independently conduct Section 106 consultation for AC34 activities. While in our interactions with these agencies we encouraged them to coordinate Section 106 efforts for these activities, we acknowledged that it is at each agency's discretion to determine whether they carry out their Section 106 responsibilities individually or in coordination with others. Given the diversity of activities, property ownership, funding sources, and permit requirements, we accept their decisions to pursue separate Section 106 reviews.

We hope this information is helpful to your office in responding to multiple agency notifications and requests. If we can be of any further assistance or you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 606-8556, or rnelson@achp.gov, or Ms. Caroline D. Hall, Assistant Director, Federal Property Management Section, at (202) 606-8524 or at chall@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reid J. Nelson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Reid J. Nelson
Director
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Enclosure