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Metropolitan Beaches Commission hearing June 7

(BOSTON, MA) June 3, 2016. The Metropolitan Beaches Commission will hold two public hearings next week. The first, which will take place on Monday, June 6th from 10 am to 12 pm in Room 222 at the State House will be focused on DCR's budget and plans for 2016, strengthening water transportation connections, the status of the Boston Harbor Islands beaches at Spectacle Island and Peddocks Island, and the value of free events and programs to the region's beachfront communities and waterfront neighborhoods from Nahant to Nantasket.

The Commission will take testimony from DCR Commissioner Leo Roy, National Parks Superintendent Giles Parker, state transportation planners, Baker/Polito Administration officials and leaders of youth development and community groups. You can view the agenda and a list of participants for the State House Hearing at <http://www.savetheharbor.org/MBC>

The second hearing, which will take place on Tuesday evening, June 7th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Jack Satter House, 420 Revere Beach Boulevard in Revere, will focus on the state of the Metropolitan Region's public beaches in Revere, Winthrop and East Boston.

Commissioners will hear from the public on what's working and what needs improvement on their beaches. The Commission will also hear from DCR officials on the status of the Winthrop Beach renourishment and restoration project and from Fish and Game Commissioner George Peterson, with an update on management plans for the resurgent Piping Plover populations in Revere and Winthrop.

You can view a release on the Regional Public Hearing on Revere, Winthrop and East Boston beaches at <http://www.savetheharbor.org/MBC>

About the Metropolitan Beaches Commission:

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission is Co-Chaired by Senator Thomas McGee of Lynn, who has served on the Commission since its inception in 2007 and Representative RoseLee Vincent of Revere. The Commission is comprised of elected officials and community, civic, nonprofit, and business leaders from Boston and the metropolitan region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket.

The MBC was created in 2006 by the Massachusetts Legislature to take an in-depth look at the metropolitan region's public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull that are managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Commission reconvened in 2013 to examine the impacts of the reforms and recommendations made in its first report "Beaches We Can Be Proud Of" and issued additional findings and recommendations to better leverage these resources for residents in the future in their 2014 report "Waves of Change". Today the MBC is a permanent Commission, which reports annually to the House and the Senate.

For more information about the MBC and its history and accomplishments, or to download copies of the Commission's 2007 and 2014 reports, visit <http://www.savetheharbor.org/MBC>

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