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WRECK BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE OUR WELCOME TO WRECK BEACH SURVEYS! (Full results to come)

is blindingly clear from all the surveys and that is that we are all united in our love of this magical place where land meets river and sea!

WHY DONATE TO WBPS?

We need your help to continue preserving Wreck Beach from any number of threats which have surfaced over the years from roads to and along the beach to a truck bridge from Richmond to Wreck Beach. Toward this end, we have the following expenses to fund: Phone service, consultants, printing costs, legal retainer fees, stationery supplies, computer repairs, toner cartridges, paper, mailing costs, event expenses which, of course, all go toward the preservation of Wreck Beach and promotion of the naturist lifestyle.

NATURIST ACTION COMMITTEE

ACTION ALERT

 Americans helped us stop the road to Wreck Beach in 1985 by an outpouring of letters and postcards supporting our objections to a road to or along the beach. They came to our defence again in 2005-2006 when they contributed over \$12,000 toward our save Wreck Beach fund to pay for legal counsel to persuade UBC to lower and

How to get involved!

Get Fired Up for the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up (Presented by Loblaw) at Wreck Beach Slated for Sat., Sept. 18th, Rain or Shine, Bottom of Trail 6—
 Bring Your Own Gloves and Win \$50 for the Most Cigarettes Butts, \$25 for 2nd Most, \$15 for 3rd most and \$10 for 4th most Collected! Call Judy at 604-856-9598 for details.

2009 Results from the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup:

- 2,457 km - Distance cleaned
- 160,914 kg - Wt. of litter removed
- Top 5 litter items:**
 - 367,010 - Cigarette butts
 - 116,138 - Food wrappers
 - 74,276 - Plastic Bags
 - 63,471 - Caps, Lids
 - 40,799 - Cutlery and Dishes

push back the UBC Marine Towers and what a battle that was with our also gathering over 50,000 petition signatures of support from around the world. What goes around, comes around and heaven knows when we will need our neighbours to the south to help us again. You need to know that NAC has also just this summer committed to a legal retainer fund if we need it in any future battle with those who would try to develop our beloved beach, so, please, take the time to send that all important e-mail before **September 6, 2010**. Judy Williams, International NAC Board member....

<http://www.naturistaction.org>

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DATE: August 27, 2010
 SUBJECT: New York: Fire Island National Seashore

TO: Naturists and other concerned citizens everywhere in both the US and Canada! Dear Fellow American and Canadian Naturists: Together with the local naturists of *Save Lighthouse Beach*, the Naturist Action Committee is asking for your immediate action on an important matter concerning Fire Island National Seashore. With permission and by request, this NAC Action Alert follows (and is largely taken from) a similar alert released by *Save Lighthouse*

Anyone who would still like to take our survey should look for us randomly on the beach. We now have approximately 1,200 completed (and collecting) surveys done between July 31 and August 31 to make them statistically significant. These are the results from #'s 1000-1100 randomly administered surveys (with many thanks to our survey distributors, especially to Danno (Croc), Loretta, and the Ice Cream Bear) for just question number 8 which asks: "When visiting WB, do you use the beach nude (49%); Use the beach wearing clothes (29%); Some mix of clothing and/or nudity, depending on the weather or other considerations (22%), Other (0), Don't know/refused (0).. We have a volunteer cartographer who will be mapping the postal and zip codes of those who included them. Data entering is a daunting but not impossible task but then we will have all results cross tabulated and will publish them. No one can ever capture in statistics the mystique of Wreck Beach but perhaps we can all gain a better understanding of one another, textile and naturist. And, one fact

Beach.

NAC asks that you email and/or fax a letter immediately to the National Park Service, requesting that consideration of clothing-optional recreation be included in the General Management Plan, as that plan moves toward completion. Details follow.

BRIEF BACKGROUND

Each National Park Service unit has a General Management Plan (GMP) that guides the actions of unit managers. Those plans are updated from time to time, however, the GMP for Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) has not been updated for 30 years. The process of revising and updating the FINS GMP began in 2007 and is presently approaching its final stages. The new GMP is expected to affect Fire Island National Seashore for the next 15 to 20 years.

For decades, clothing-optional recreation has been a popular choice among visitors to Fire Island National Seashore. Park Service managers have largely managed FOR clothing-optional use, despite the lack of guidance from the existing GMP. You have a chance to be heard on issues that will guide the next two decades.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

You MUST act quickly. The comment period for the Fire Island National Seashore General Management Plan ends **Sept. 6 11:59 PM.**

WHAT IS NAC ASKING YOU TO DO?

The Naturist Action Committee is asking you to do just **ONE** thing:

1) Immediately send your comments by e-mail, fax or surface mail, supporting clothing-optional recreation as an important part of ANY plan for Fire Island National Seashore. Send your e-mails to the National Park Service at the addresses listed below.

WHO SHOULD WRITE?

NAC is asking ALL NATURISTS and other concerned individuals to write, regardless of your

residence. National Parks and Seashores belong to ALL of us.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR COMMENTS

You have choices of how to send your comments. Please choose one (or more than one!) Time is short. Please send your comments immediately.

EMAIL fire_island_gmp@nps.gov

POSTAL MAIL

Fire Island National Seashore GMP

15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109

attn: Ellen Carlson, Project Manager

FAX (617) 223-5164

TO PARK SERVICE THROUGH ITS ONLINE

COMMENT FORM

<http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=33410>

Regardless of which you choose, NAC would appreciate the opportunity to read your comments.

Please send a copy to:

NAC

P.O. Box 132

Oshkosh, WI 54903

or by e-mail to:

fireisland@naturistaction.org

Unless you say otherwise, NAC will share your comments with the locally involved naturists at

Save **Lighthouse Beach.**

WHAT TO SAY?

There are four management alternatives being considered. None of the four plans directly addresses clothing-optional use on beaches where it is currently accepted. It is important that each of the alternatives under consideration retains the traditional clothing-optional use of these areas.

Here are some suggested points you may wish to make:

1. Identify yourself. Anonymous correspondence is often disregarded. If you are a past or prospective visitor to Fire Island National Seashore, please say so prominently.

2. Be brief and polite.

3. You should STATE VERY CLEARLY that you wish clothing-optional recreation to be included in plans for the Seashore, REGARDLESS OF WHICH MANAGEMENT OPTION IS ULTIMATELY CHOSEN.

4. Point out that skinny-dipping and nude sunbathing are valid recreational choices. In 2006, the Naturist Education Foundation commissioned the independent Roper polling organization to survey Americans on the topic of clothing-optional recreation. Seventy-four percent of Americans believe that those who enjoy nude sunbathing should be able to do so at a place set aside for

that purpose.

5. You may mention that in that same survey, a clear majority (54%) of Americans believe that government agencies should set aside public land specifically for clothing-optional recreation.

6. You may mention that traditional clothing-optional areas, like Lighthouse Beach within Fire Island National Seashore, contribute to the diversity of our National Parks.

7. Use your own experiences to personalize your comments. This is not the place for complaints. Skinny-dippers and nude sunbathers simply wish to be included in the General Management Plan.

MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Additional information and links are available, along with this NAC Action Alert on the Web site of the Naturist Action Committee.

www.naturistaction.org

Select "Alerts" and find this NAC Action Alert under Current Alerts. There you will find links to the Draft General Management Plan for Fire Island National Seashore, as well as a review of the four alternatives under consideration. You'll also find a link to the 2006 NEF Roper Poll.

PLEASE HELP NAC TO CONTINUE HELPING NATURISTS!

The Naturist Action Committee is a volunteer nonprofit organization that exists to advance and protect the rights of naturists throughout North America. To do its job, NAC relies entirely on the voluntary generosity of supporters like you. To donate to NAC, use the address below

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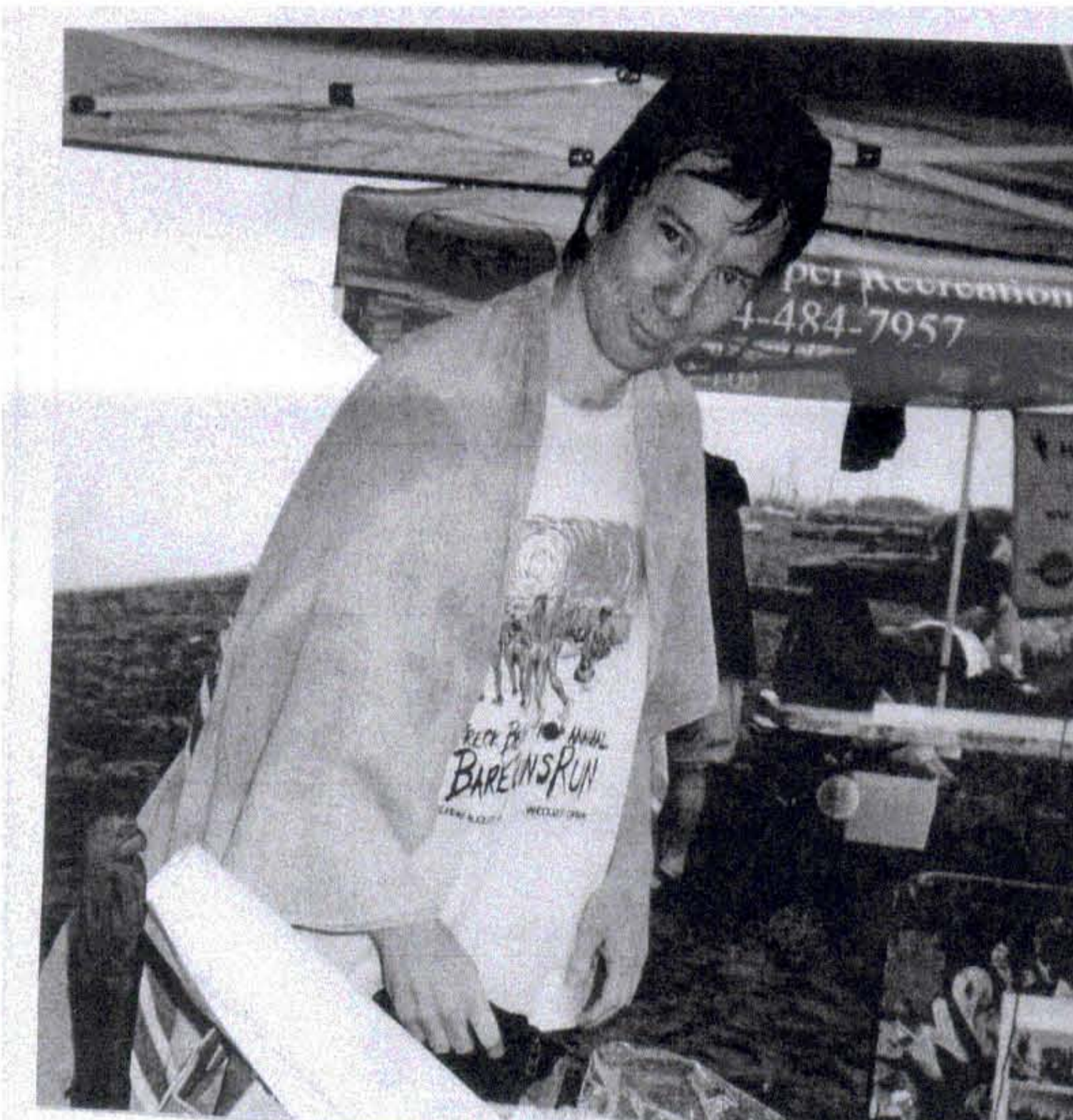
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Please go to www.wreckbeach.org for the full text of the remainder of this very urgent, time-sensitive NAC alert to all naturists everywhere. At all times, we must safeguard our naturist rights on public lands!



Cold but Not Necessarily Miserable on our 14th Annual Wreck Beach Bare Buns Run of August 8, 2010. The 2011 Run will be Sunday, August 14, so Plan Ahead! Teams are Encouraged.



FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

We have bade farewell to many loved ones over the winter with special arms around Dena and Stormin' in the respective loss of their beloved mothers. We lost Herbie (Herbert Antonio Mendt) on April 2, but will publish his photo and brief obit in a later issue. Beachers should know that it was Herbie's 20" X 24" photo of body to body sun-worshippers at Wreck taken at high tide that won the day at the Vancouver of Board of Parks and Recreation in 1985 which stopped the bid by RCMP for a road to and along our beach. We also lost Wheatgrass Dave McCallion at so young an age of 48-ish. You will probably know him best from his superb sea creature sculpture which won him grand, overall sandcastle champion several years of Wreck Beach Days ago. More information is coming in on several other

Wreckers whom we have lost, but we send them our rainbow wishes. For example, Pablo is still working up plans for a fundraiser in memory of his friend and fellow Wrecker who just recently passed away,. And belated birthday greetings to all our August 8 birthday kids and a special one to our wonderful Croc whose birthday will be September 10th. Be sure to give him a hug that day. Congratulations to Yoshi and Kathy on their wedding day at Wreck. Pacific Bliss Michael and his lady also tied the knot on the beach earlier in the summer. As soon as we have their photo we will be running it and Yoshi and Kathy's! Good to see some of the old crowd down at the Acadia end of the beach with easy access! The more people who enjoy that area west of the footbridge, the more united we are. We are doing some revamping of our website and remind people that we are the only official Wreck Beach website (www.wreckbeach.org) Do stay tuned for new developments with the website. And, by the way, our new larger, and better posters are now out for the Guinness Skinnydip of July 10th, 2010 and of our Wreck Beach Family Portrait taken on July 11th, both by James Loewen, our photographer of many years. The are rolled into one package and go for a song at \$6 a package. They are great laminated and used as table mats! A special thanks to Bruce McPherson for being there for us again as our official photographer on the 14th annual Bare Buns Run and again, much thanks to Barbara, Gaillen and Shawn at the Wreck Beach Bare ice cream cart at the top of Trail 6 for selling them for us as well as this year's unique and beautiful run shirts for only \$25! Photos from the run can be ordered from Bruce through Judy who will pass your inquiries on to him. So much news to update you on, but it will have to wait until our next newsletter. The mystery of the young ladies collecting funds on Trail #6 for Wreck Beach has been solved. They were doing it as part of their research on why people donate and why donating makes them happier. Unfortunately, we have no idea what information they were able to give people who asked what funds go toward or whether they were able to answer any questions about the history of the beach, if asked.. Their professor did not contact us nor did the young lady heading the Wreck Beach study. While well-intentioned, it would have been much better to have contacted us prior to any collecting. They apologized as did the professor and sent us a cheque for \$65 + coins. There is talk of AANR not sponsoring a Skinnydip next summer because the clubs are objecting. If they do not go ahead with it. we will hold our own Skinnydip and have it officially recorded. Our notary public and sponsor of the Bare Buns Run from the last two skinnydips has offered \$2 per participant if we are under 1000 naked people. But, he will increase that to \$5 a head if we go above 1000 participants! So that would mean \$5000 for our Wreck Beach funds if we go ahead and the probable date will be Sat., July 9, so put that date on your calendars now! Thumbs down to UBC for allowing the excavation and filling of the reflecting pond west of the Museum of Anthropology. When, not if, that next earthquake comes, the added weight of the water in the pool could very well be all the cliffs will need to collapse into the sea and if they do and MOA slides along with it onto Wreck Beach, UBC will have no one to thank but themselves! And, while we are in a thumbs down mode, thumbs down to the person who removed Judy's treasured Haida-carved, eagle-head walking stick from the survey table where she was speaking with folks. That stick was a special gift. It had rawhide wrapped around part of it so if you spot it, please try to persuade the "owner" to return it to Judy. And Blessings to Guitar Jack for offering to carve her a new walking stick if this one does not return.