



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

March 13, 2014

Sarah E. Porter, Conservation Agent
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Palmer's Island, New Bedford

Dear Ms. Porter,

The New Bedford Historical Commission (NBHC) has reviewed the Draft Notice of Intent for Trail Maintenance, Sign Installation, Picnic Tables and Invasive Species Management on Palmer's Island.

Palmer's Island is an important historical resource that is under-appreciated by the greater public due to inadequate access. The development of walking trails and interpretive signage will enable the public to better appreciate this historic resource and natural habitat area.

The New Bedford Historical Commission recommends that the draft texts of the Educational Signage, specifically the "History of Palmer's Island" and "Palmer's Island Lighthouse" be reviewed and edited by the NBHC prior to manufacture, and that greater emphasis of interpretation be allocated to the Wampanoag time period. The NBHC is willing to collaborate with you and all the interested parties, particularly Wampanoag Tribe representatives, to achieve the highest accuracy for this project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Diana Henry
Chairman

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cc: Edward Bell, Massachusetts Historical Commission
James G. Turek, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

