



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
Section 106 Review
Consultation Response Form

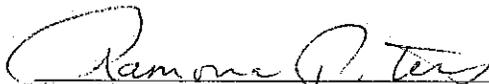
Project ID Number:	BSC Project No.:89524.00 / MHC# RC.50015
Consultant/Environmental Firm:	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Address or Location Description:	Palmer's Island,
City, State:	New Bedford, MA
Point of Contact	James G. Turek

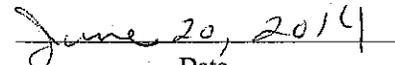
Response:

- We have no concerns related to the proposed project. MWT anticipates no adverse affects to our sites of cultural significance, by you or your client.
- The MWT considers this project in compliance with the MWT's section 106 review process with agreed upon mitigations.
- This site will require the on-site presence of a Tribal Cultural Resource Monitor during ground disturbing activities. Contact the Compliance Review Supervisor with construction schedule.
- This project has the potential to affect historic or cultural resources important to our tribe. We recommend the following actions:

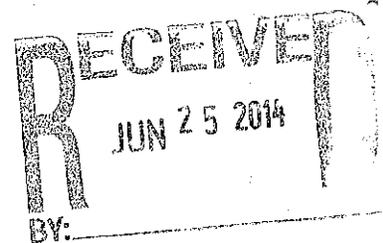
At this time we concur w/ MHC signage recommendation prohibiting metal detection, digging and or artifact collection. If an archaeological core sampling is scheduled as requested in MHC correspondence dated February 21, 2014, we require that a Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal CRM accompanies the archaeologist.

Exception: In the case that archeological resources or human remains are found during construction, you must immediately stop construction and notify us.


Ramona Peters, Compliance Review Supervisor
Tribal Historic Preservation Department


Date

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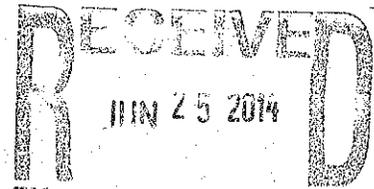


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

February 21, 2014

James G. Turek
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Restoration Center
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Narragansett, RI 02882



RE: Palmer's Island Trails Maintenance, Signage, Picnic Tables, and Invasive Species Control, New Bedford, MA. BSC Project No. 89524.00. **MHC #RC.50015.**

Dear Mr. Turek:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, has consulted with the New Bedford Department of Environmental Stewardship regarding the proposed project referenced above.

The proposed project consists of maintenance of existing trails, installation of two educational signs, picnic tables in two locations, and management of invasive and noxious species. Implementation of the invasive species control plan will require surface scraping and excavation for new plantings. The proposed locations of the educational signs and picnic tables, and the locations proposed for surface scraping and excavation should be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist to determine if the project activities are in archaeologically sensitive areas, and if so, an intensive (locational) archaeological survey (950 CMR 70) should be conducted in the project impact areas to locate and identify archaeological resources that could be affected by the project. The MHC strongly recommends that consulting archaeologists visit the project area prior to developing a proposal. During the initial visit, the archaeologist may use a hand-operated 1-inch soil corer to evaluate the soil types and stratigraphy of the impact areas to develop specific recommendations for systematic shovel testing, if warranted.

Previously identified historic properties on Palmer's Island include Palmer's Island Light Station (MHC# NBE.AD & NBE.907) listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and the Light Keeper's House archaeological site (MHC #NBE.HA.7) included in the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth. Portions of the island are archaeologically sensitive and other archaeological sites are expected in areas of the island that have not been previously impacted. Palmer's Island was likely to have been used during ancient and historical times by resident Wampanoag. The property has a long and important documented history beginning in the 17th century when the island was used as a prison for Native Americans during the War of 1675. The island was used as a "garrison" during the Revolutionary War, and summer homes and a hotel were built in the 19th century.

To reiterate from the MHC's letter of February 11, 2014, the MHC provides the following comments on the project:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Notice of Intent (NOI), Attachment G, Educational Signage, provides draft texts for proposed signage. For the draft texts about "History of Palmers Island" and "Palmers Island Lighthouse," the MHC recommends that NOAA and project