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Save the Dates! Public Invited to Scoping Meetings for the San Juan Islands National Monument Planning Process

Lopez Island, Wash. – As part of the planning process for the San Juan Islands National Monument, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding five scoping meetings where the public can learn more about the National Monument and the planning effort, ask questions, reflect on issues, and provide comments.

Beginning in March, the BLM will hold a 30-day scoping period that will initiate the planning process for the National Monument’s resource management plan (RMP). During the scoping period, the public will have the opportunity – through interactive meetings and a comment period – to help the BLM identify various issues and management strategies that should be considered during the RMP planning process.

“We want to hear from all of our communities at these scoping meetings,” said Marcia deChadenèdes, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager. “Because we are laying the foundation for Monument management decisions for years to come, we need the local knowledge to make sure we are comprehensive in our planning.”

Public Meetings

Date	Location	Time	Address
March 11, 2015	Friday Harbor	5 – 8 p.m.	Friday Harbor Grange 152 N 1st Street Friday Harbor, WA 98250
March 12, 2015	Klahowya Ferry	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Klahowya Ferry Cafeteria Dining Area
March 12, 2015	Lopez Island	5 – 8 p.m.	Woodmen Hall 4102 Fisherman Bay Road Lopez Island, WA 98261
March 13, 2015	Orcas Island	5 – 8 p.m.	Eastsound Fire Hall 45 Lavender Lane Eastsound, WA 98245
March 14, 2015	Anacortes	12 - 3 p.m.	Anacortes Public Library 1220 10th St, Anacortes, WA 98221

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Additional information about scoping, as well instructions on how to comment once the scoping period begins in March, will be available in the coming weeks.

Please email blm_or_sanjuanislandsnm@blm.gov if you are interested in joining the email list to receive updates on the planning process.

For more information about the San Juan Islands National Monument RMP, visit www.blm.gov/or/plans/sanjuanislandsnm

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