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## **Cultural Resources Management Plan for Isle Royale**

At the end of this month, Isle Royale National Park will begin public scoping for a Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP), which will address the general management, preservation, public use, and interpretation of cultural resources island-wide. The process is expected to take two years. The National Park Service is forming an interdisciplinary planning team to produce the plan in consultation with the public, tribal and state governments, and other interested parties. The initial scoping will launch the planning process with a series of public listening sessions at locations throughout the region.

Isle Royale's cultural resources reflect 4500 years of human endeavor and include: prehistoric mining and occupation sites, American Indian and Euro-American historic mining and fishery sites, lighthouses, shipwrecks, and historic resorts and summer homes. They demonstrate a complex interaction of people and the role they played in shaping the human and physical landscapes on Isle Royale. Presently, the National Park Service manages its cultural resources according to directives defined in the Park's General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS 1998) without specific guidance for a number of cultural resource themes and topics. The proposed Cultural Resources Management Plan and accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA) seeks to define sustainable management practices for all significant cultural resources found on Isle Royale, including archeological sites, cultural landscapes, historic structures, ethnographic resources, and museum objects.

The proposed CRMP/EA will begin with a round of public listening sessions to be held this November and December in Houghton and East Lansing, Michigan, and Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota. The sessions will feature informal gatherings where the public can interact with Park personnel on plan goals and processes, issues, ideas, and concerns. Further details about the listening sessions will be posted on the planning website.

Session Venue 1: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date: November 30, 2010

Location: Mill City Museum, 710 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Time: 4-7pm

Session Venue 2: Duluth, Minnesota

Date: December 1, 2010

Location: Radisson Hotel, 505 W. Superior St.

Time: 4-7pm

Session Venue 3: Houghton, Michigan

Date: December 2, 2010

Location: Franklin Square Inn, 820 Sheldon Ave.

Time: 4-7pm

Session Venue 4: East Lansing, Michigan

Date: December 7, 2010

Location: Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Ave.

Time: 4-7pm

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**Plan Process (tentative):**

- Step 1. Conduct external scoping (listening sessions)
- Step 2. Define purpose and need/develop preliminary alternatives
- Step 3. Conduct external scoping
- Step 4. Refine alternatives
- Step 5. Identify environmental impacts and select preferred alternative
- Step 6. Prepare draft plan/environmental document
- Step 7. Public review of draft plan/environmental document
- Step 8. Analysis of public comment
- Step 9. Prepare final plan/decision document
- Step 10. Release final plan/decision document to the public

**For Comments and More Information:**

The public is encouraged to follow the planning process and register comments digitally on the project website. This website will provide plan information, documents for review, and details on public listening sessions and meetings.

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISROcrmp>

**Questions and written comments can be directed to:**

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