



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge

*Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan
and Environmental Impact Statement*

*Volume 1—Chapters 1 through 6
including Bibliography, Acronyms, and Glossary*

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Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge



Approximate size and location of break in Housat/South Beach February, 2013.

Baselines for Equitable Apportionment will change as coastal processes alter the former "Southway"

- Monomoy Boundary (fee)
- Monomoy Boundary (easement)
- Cape Cod NS

Note: The refuge's eastern boundary extends to the mean low water line, which changes as a result of dynamic, coastal processes. The depiction here is an approximation based on the 2012 photography. The remainder of the refuge boundary is fixed.

Source:
Refuge boundaries from 2010
Satellite photo from
Town of Chatham, MA



MANAGEMENT PLAN ALTERNATIVES

- **Alternative A** No change from current management
- **Alternative B** Enhanced management of habitat and public uses
- **Alternative C** Natural process management

AFFECTED HISTORIC FISHING ACTIVITIES

Alternative B and C would prohibit:

Mussel Harvesting

Trawling for Fin Fish

Scallop Dredging

Weir Fishing

Subterranean Shellfish (Soft shell and Razor and Quahogs) harvesting using mechanized harvest equipment or artificial extraction methods

PERMITTED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDER ALTERNATIVES B & C

Birding

**Nature and
Cultural Tours**

Hiking

Walking

**Jogging (Morris
Island Only)**

**Picture
Taking**

Swimming

Sunbathing

**Beachcombing (small
shells & stones)**

**Waterfowl
Hunting**

PROHIBITED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDER ALTERNATIVES B & C

Volleyball	Football	Soccer	Frisbee
Baseball	Surfing	Kite Boarding	Kite Flying
Kite Surfing	Jet Skiing	Over sand Vehicle Use	Camping
Fires	Fireworks	Bicycling	Picnics
	Dog Walking	Commercial Photography	

CHANGES IN INFRASTRUCTURE/OPERATIONS

- **Renovate or expand existing facilities**
- **New Visitor center near Main Street or in Harwich**
- **New signage throughout sections of Chatham, Rt. 6**
- **Daytime paid parking at Refuge HQ in season**
- **Special use permit for commercial guide services**

**COMMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER
RESIDENTS**