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Beaver Island Property Owners Association Spring - Summer 2006

Mission Statement

The mission of BIPOA is to:

1. Represent the combined interests of our membership on issues of mutual concern that may affect the fundamental character of Beaver Island.

2. Support the preservation of the natural resources and beauty of Beaver Island and appropriate environmental conservation policies and/or methods.

3. Work with local government units in support of property owners' shared perspectives, concerns, and investments.

4. Foster and support economic growth that is consistent with the preservation of the natural beauty of Beaver Island and the quality of life, which is the reason for our original and continuing attraction to Beaver Island.

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Annual Meeting - Monday July 24, 2006

If there is any topic or issue you would like discussed, contact Jack Kelly 231 635-2524 or e-mail Jkelly8269@aol.com.

Thinking About This Summer

Some of you are already on Beaver Island and into your summer routines. Others are eagerly anticipating getting on the ferry and seeing the Emerald Isle again. Of course, many braved the winter there and survived its storied challenges.

I am writing from a Georgia island, but plan to fly 8269F over in a couple of weeks. Then a few hours of getting everything working (I hope) and getting back in contact with Beaver Island wild life and tame life. I do have a few thoughts to share as you think about your Island summer:

• Thanks to the *Beaver Beacon* for making the draft Master Plan accessible to all its subscribers. I hope you have read it gratefully and critically. Such documents are always a work in progress, but this is such a great step forward from the pitiful previous effort that all sorts of thanks are due those who worked so long and hard on it. Details and consequences will be negotiated with the Planning Commissions and Township Boards

until the time for a new one arrives in a few years. However we may view each segment, I believe we can unite in rejoicing in this sign of thoughtful progress.

• Various letters and brochures the past few months have been a reminder that the Island has arrived at an expected but not anticipated time. The competition for financial support for major projects has coalesced to a point when many cannot automatically give to everything. The Preservation Association (PABI) calls for completion money, the Rural Health Center continues to need gifts to make up the deficits from its small population base, and CMU is engaged in a major expansion drive. Then there are all sorts of other projects – emergency care, fire protection, music events, history, recreation facilities, and so on and on. And that’s just this little part of a great world of need. For many of us, it will be a time to assess priorities ... however generous we may want to be.

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Current Efforts



Rural Health Center Planning

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Recreation Resources Committee

Chair: Jack Kelly
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Master Plan for Peaine Twp.

Chair: Paul Glendon
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Property Owner's Manual

Chair: Ron Stith
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Island Clean-Up

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Trails Committee

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Co-chair: Marty Maehr
(231) 448-2926



Planning/Zoning Liaison:

Krys Lyle (231) 448-2149

Thinking about this Summer, continued from front cover.

What does the Island need most, now and in the future? I guess we believe in friendly competition in this country. At least let's stay friendly.

- The weekly news about the Michigan economy reaches even to the southland. It's not good and there are no quick fixes. For all, there is a sense of insecurity. For development on Beaver Island,

there is likely to be some slow-down. Not good for those with business interests dependent on growth. However, the next years may give us some time without population pressures to live with to assess the new Master Plan. That may be good for all of us in the long term.

See you soon! Let's keep talking about our island and what we hope for. Questions are not criticisms and alternatives are not a threat. Here's to summer!

Climate Change & The Great Lakes — July 17

BIPOA SUMMER LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

NOTED GEOLOGIST DAVID REA,

DISCUSSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE GREAT LAKES:

JULY 17, PEAINE TWP. HALL

BIPOA is proud to present University of Michigan Geological Sciences Professor David Rea, Ph.D. in the first of this summer's Lecture Series, at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 17 at Peaine Township Hall.

Professor Rea is a geological oceanographer whose primary research interests focus on the history and process of global climate

change, with particular emphasis on the Great Lakes. He will bring a historical perspective on the past 12,000 years of climate change and how the lakes have responded to it. Against this historical background, derived from a study of the lakes' stratigraphic and paleolimnologic records, he will address current and likely future effects of global warming on our beloved Great Lakes.

Thank You

We wish to thank all of our members who for many years have helped support our collective efforts.

Without your continued commitment and generosity, we would not be the active organization that you see today.

Please feel free to contact any of the board members with your thoughts and suggestions.

And then: Music!

We know many of you enjoy the opening night of the Historical Society's 'Museum Week,' Monday night's traditional *Music on the Porch*. There will be time to get to the Mormon Print Shop Museum after Dr. Rea's presentation, and the BIHS has promised to save a block of seats for any of you who might arrive a few minutes late.

DNR Review of Property Holdings

A meeting took place with the BIPOA board and the DNR about projects of mutual concern and we will have that information for our annual meeting.

Last summer the Department of Natural Resources completed their review of property holdings in Charlevoix County. This public review held in Petoskey, was one of 30 completed evaluations from the state's 83 counties. Several pieces were identified here on Beaver Island in the Donegal Bay area and the east side. The land consolidation strategy is in phase III of the conveyance plan in Charlevoix County. The land on Beaver Island being liquidated was acquired through tax foreclosures and was never intended as recreational sites.

The Recreation Plan, which is intended to be part of the Master Plan, will hopefully protect our shoreline assets. Visitors that I had the opportunity to speak with were excited to find these newly marked recreational sites. We have many people to thank for making this a reality: Jack Kelly, whose expertise and vision were critical, and St. James and Peaine township boards, planning commissions, and the 'Friends of the Trails,' to name a few. As the interior of the Island continues to expand in the area of home-ownership, it is vital that the public have access to Lake Michigan and our interior lakes.

We are acutely aware that people come to Beaver Island to enjoy our wealth of natural resources and not the night life scene. Our economy is dependent on showcasing and providing access to these very priceless sites.

While the state moves forward in an attempt to provide a recreational system that benefits the greatest number of people in a given area, we must be vigilant about our Island's state land also. The state's parks are in need of more than \$90 million dollars of repairs. I agree that cataloging and evaluating the management practices of 4.5 million acres of public land, 142 miles of Great Lakes shorelines, and another 460 miles of inland lake shorelines is needed. Beaver Island is unique in that those natural areas are our source for employment. How the state decides to manage our lands and shorelines is relevant to us all.

The following information was provided by the Department of Natural Resources. We hope this will clarify the process.

–Pam Grassmick

Land Consolidation Strategy – Summary

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use, and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for cur-

rent and future generations. As part of fulfilling that mission, the Department currently holds title to approximately 4.5 million acres of Michigan's land surface, almost 6 million acres of its mineral rights, and 25 million acres of Great Lakes' Bottomlands on behalf of the citizens of Michigan. The Department manages these lands to conserve, protect, and provide public use and enjoyment of the natural resource, recreational, ecological, cultural, and historical values of all these lands for present and future generations of Michigan citizens and visitors to the state. A portion of these lands were purchased specifically for the natural resource and outdoor recreation values, using restricted funds including, but not limited to, revenues from the hunting and fishing licenses, state park fees, and sale of forest products, to name but a few. The Department has acquired important lands through grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund that are based on funds derived from the extraction of oil, gas, and minerals from State-owned mineral rights. The Department has also acquired key lands, in part with federal funds such as Pittman-Robertson Fund, Wallop-Breaux Fund, and Land and Water Conservation Fund. Still, the majority of the lands managed by the Department

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DNR Land Review, from page 3. came into state ownership as a result of tax reversion in the 20th Century. Most of these lands ‘tax reverted’ after being clear-cut. Many of these lands tax reverted several times after being resold by the state. The Department healed these cutover lands through reforestation and fire protection programs through most of the 20th Century. Those conservation programs made these lands valuable once again for forestry, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation. While most of these lands acquired through tax reversion contribute significantly to helping the DNR fulfill its mission, some do not. The costs associated with managing some of the more scattered land holdings may outweigh the conservation and outdoor recreation values those lands provide.

In some cases it appears that the Department’s cost of managing marginal land holdings may detract from achieving the best overall management of the more critical lands. Income from the sale of those tracts that are determined to contribute little to fulfilling the Department’s mission would provide funds to acquire important private in-holdings within the state’s lands. In addition, whatever costs and staff time which are now directed towards managing those marginal land holding could then be redirected to enhance the Department’s ability to manage its remaining lands.

The Natural Resource Commission has adopted a policy (NRC Policy 2627) on land holdings administered by the Department of Natural Resources to help direct the evaluation of current lands and the needs to address both natural resource conservation and natural resource-related outdoor recreation. This policy emphasized that a land consolidation strategy should be implemented by the Department. In an effort to implement the land consolidation strategy, the Department has instituted a process that includes the review and update of DNR project boundaries; the review and classification of parcels that fall outside of the DNR project boundaries; and a process by which certain parcels may be exchanged or sold, as appropriate.

Further details on each phase of this process, along with the status of each phase, are outlined below.

Phase I – DNR Project Boundary Update (complete) An important step for the DNR in fulfilling that policy was the reevaluation of the dedicated boundaries of the Department’s land holdings. In order to help in specifically identifying those lands which are most desirable additions and those lands which are most appropriate for disposal from the state’s ownership, it was important that these boundaries be reviewed and revised in light of today’s needs for natural resource conservation

and natural resource-related outdoor recreation. The dedicated boundaries for the State Forests, State Game and Wildlife Areas, State Parks, and State Recreation Areas were reviewed by Department staff and the Natural Resources Commission, and adopted by the Director in May of 2004.

Phase II – Parcel Review (in process) Now that Phase I has been completed, Department staff is reviewing all those lands lying outside the newly identified DNR project boundaries to determine which of those lands are not contributing sufficiently to the fulfillment of the Department’s conservation and outdoor recreation mission to warrant their continued ownership by the Department. All state-owned, DNR-managed parcels located outside the project boundaries will be classified as follows:

- Class 1 Retain under state ownership and DNR administration due to natural resource values, cultural resource values, and recreational opportunities and/or location.
- Class 2 Natural resource values, cultural resource values, and/or recreational values are such that the parcel should remain protected and/or accessible to the public but potentially owned/administered by an alternate conservation entity.
- Class 3 Natural resource, cultural resource, and/or recreational values are such that the parcel

does not need to remain in DNR or alternate conservation ownership. The parcel can be exchanged or sold, with proceeds used to obtain lands of greater natural resource, cultural resource, or recreational values that would help consolidate the DNR project areas.

Properties may be conveyed with conditions when determined desirable by the DNR.

Public comment will be accepted for each county as the Department develops parcel recommendations. Each county will then be reviewed by the Department's Land Exchange Review Committee, who will submit recommendations to the Natural Resources Commission and to the Director. This process will be repeated until all 83 counties have been reviewed.

Phase III – Parcel Conveyance Process (*in progress*) Upon the completion of Phase II for each county, parcels that are classified as Class 2 or Class 3 (see classifications listed above) will be considered for land exchange or possible land sale, as appropriate. Funds generated from land sales will be utilized for acquisition of high natural resource value and high outdoor recreation value lands. Governmental agencies and conservation organizations will be provided the first opportunity to acquire the lands identified for release. Further information regarding Phase III is available at www.michigan.gov/dnrparcels.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) completing this review of these state-owned, DNR-administered lands?

The DNR is completing this land review to evaluate state-owned parcels located outside DNR project boundaries to determine if their natural resource and outdoor recreation values contribute significantly to the DNR's mission. Completing this review will assist the DNR in consolidating state land ownership. This will also increase efficiency of management by reducing the cost of managing small, isolated parcels, especially those that do not have significant natural resource or recreation potential. The proceeds from the sale or exchange of such parcels will be used to acquire replacement land to consolidate state lands and increase recreation opportunities.

What is meant by land consolidation?

"Consolidation" is the acquisition of privately owned land located within DNR project boundaries or adjacent to other state-owned lands and conveying parcels that are isolated from other state-owned lands that have minimal outdoor recreation or natural resource value.

What is the process used for reviewing lands?

A list of all state-owned, DNR administered parcels located out-

side of the DNR's recently updated project boundaries was compiled. Each parcel was then evaluated by local DNR field staff including wildlife and fisheries biologists, a forester, and a recreation specialist for natural resource and outdoor recreation values. The results of this review were further evaluated for title and deed restrictions, mineral values, recreation values, and cultural resources. Based on this review, an initial recommendation for each parcel was developed and made available for public comment.

What are the criteria used in reviewing lands?

The criteria used to evaluate each parcel includes the following: Does the parcel:

- have significant natural resource values including threatened or endangered species?
- have significant recreational opportunities?
- lie in a designated unique resource protection area (such as Critical Dune or Natural Area)?
- lie adjacent to public or other protected land?
- have existing access for the general public?
- have access for DNR management purposes?
- provide public access to surface water?
- contain any known historical or cultural resources?

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DNR Land Review, from page 5.
Is there additional public notification and/or opportunity for public comment after the public meeting?

Opportunities for additional comment are provided at subsequent Natural Resource Commission (NRC) meetings held prior to Director approval. Notices for public comment are provided through the following means:

- NRC Agenda – all parcels.
- DNR Calendar – all parcels.
- DNR Website – all parcels.

When will a final decision be made on the lands identified in this review?

Upon the completion of the public meeting for each county (or group of counties) the public comments will be considered by the DNR's Land Exchange Review Committee (LERC). LERC then makes a recommendation to the NRC and the DNR Director for each parcel. The Director will then make a final decision on each parcel. This process will take approximately 2 to 3 months.

How does the DNR plan to acquire land as part of this consolidation process?

The DNR will utilize the proceeds from land sales to purchase land that has high natural resource and outdoor recreation values, primarily located within DNR project boundaries. The DNR pays fair

market value, determined by an appraisal, and all closing costs, when purchasing lands.

How will the DNR utilize the proceeds from land sales?

Proceeds from sales of parcels will be used to acquire lands with greater resource or recreational value. State law requires that land be sold at no less than fair market value as determined by an appraisal.

What is the process for land conveyance after DNR Director's final approval?

After approval by the DNR Director to convey land, the DNR will proceed with these steps:

- Send notices to appropriate local units of government to allow them to express their interest in acquiring the land for public purposes.
- If no interest by local unit of government, then send notices to other Alternate Conservation Owners, such as state and local land trusts.
- If no interest by Alternate Conservation Owners, then lands will be listed on the DNR Website for exchange with private parties. Lands offered in exchange must be within DNR project boundaries or otherwise of interest to the DNR for management purposes.
- If no exchange offers are received, then the parcel will proceed to auction sale. Notices of auction sales are published in state and local newspapers and on the

DNR's Website, www.michigan.gov/landforsale.

- Auctions will be conducted by means of sealed bid.
- The minimum bid on the parcel would be its market value as determined by an appraisal, plus transaction costs.
- If no bids are received, that parcel would remain available for direct purchase at the appraised value, plus transaction costs.

NOTE: The DNR reserves the right to dispose of any individual parcel by sale or exchange outside of this process if deemed to be in the best interest of the DNR and the people of Michigan.

I am a local unit of government.

How can I acquire land in this process?

Parcels identified for exchange or sale will first be offered to governmental agencies, including the appropriate local units of government. Agencies will be asked to indicate their interest in acquiring the parcel by submitting a Land Transaction Application, specifying the land in question. Some lands will be conveyed only to governmental agencies or another alternate conservation owner, with a conservation easement on the parcel retained by the DNR. Under this process, lands will be conveyed only by sale or exchange at a value determined by appraisal. No lands will be conveyed under Public Use Deeds for nominal values.

What conditions are involved in transfers of property to units of government?

Some lands will be conveyed only to governmental agencies or other alternate conservation owners with a conservation easement on the parcel retained by the DNR. Agencies will be required to specify the public purpose that they wish to use the subject property for, and if they have land to offer in exchange. The DNR will determine the conditions for conveying the property to the agency, be it exchange or sale.

I am interested in one of the parcels identified for conveyance.

How do I offer a land exchange to the Department?

The DNR is primarily interested in exchanging for land inside the new boundaries around our State Forests, State Wildlife and Game Areas, State Parks and Recreation Areas, and possibly adjacent to existing public water access sites. If you own such a parcel, you may contact the DNR Office of Land and Facilities, Real Estate Services Section to discuss the DNR's potential interest in the land you own (or wish to offer by exchange.) To obtain information about the DNR's land exchange procedures, and explanation of the type of land the DNR is interested in, see the contact information at the end of this document. The DNR reserves the right to consider

an exchange proposal at any time, if the exchange is deemed to be in the best interest of the DNR or State of Michigan.

How do I get information about purchasing parcels being sold by the DNR?

All available lands will be posted on the Department's Website, as to their availability for exchange or purchase, and will continue to be posted until disposed.



When will I be able to purchase State-owned land?

Land recommended for exchange or sale will be available at a minimum of 6 months after the DNR Director's final decision. Land auction dates for 2006 are listed below:

SEALED BID LAND AUCTION SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Auction 1: Information available April 28, 2006; sealed bids must be postmarked by May 26, 2006. Sealed bid opening on June 7, 2006.

Auction 2: Information available June 23, 2006; sealed bids must be postmarked by July 21, 2006; sealed bid opening on

August 2, 2006.

Auction 3: Information available August 11, 2006; sealed bids must be postmarked by September 1, 2006; sealed bid opening on September 7, 2006.

Auction 4: Information available October 27, 2006; sealed bids must be postmarked by November 27, 2006; sealed bid opening on December 6, 2006.

PLEASE NOTE: State-owned land currently available for purchase can be found at www.michigan.gov/landforsale. If the parcel that you are interested in is not posted, then it is not available for purchase at this time, so check back periodically for updates. No "Land Consolidation" parcels are currently to the auction stage. The first auction for 2006 will not have "Land Consolidation" parcels for sale.

Who can I contact for more information on this land review process?

You may contact the following staff as appropriate:

General land exchange and sale questions: Office of Land and Facilities send all inquiries to DNRphase3@michigan.gov

State Parks and Recreation Areas, Boating, and Public Water Access Sites: • Upper Peninsula and N. Lower Peninsula: Kerry Wieber at 517-373-9905 •

Lower Peninsula: Paul Yauk at 517-335-4824 State Forest lands: Jon Mayes at 517-373-0316

Mark Your Calendars

May 30th at 7 p.m. Master Plan Meeting sponsored by the joint-St. James and Peaine Township Planning Commissions

June 2nd Golden Beaver Bash-Music festival

June 16th The Strang Writers Group will present papers at the Emerald Isle Hotel Conference Room Friday and Saturday, and a Strang Shooting Re-enactment Friday at 7:00 p.m.

July 17th-22nd Museum week: Music on the Porch; the Whiskey Point Light; Antje Price on Protar; Native American History; shipwrecks; and Bingo in the evening. Nature Walks; Pet Show; the Ray Denny Memorial Art Show; the Protar Home openings; culinary creativity; and Amazing Amphibians and Reptiles earlier in the day.

July 17th Dr. Rhea, **Great Lakes Geology Lecture** (see page 2 of this newsletter for more information!)

July 24th **BIPOA Annual Meeting** 7:30 p.m., Peaine Hall.

July 29th-30th Baroque on Beaver Performances. Some sixty Beaver Island, mainland Michigan, and other guest musicians will join in a festival of classical music designed to provide opportunities both for musicians and all of those

who just want to hear beautiful music. During the weekend, several informal musical events with special appeal for children and families are planned in surprising places: in restaurants, outside shops, and even on the beach and at the harbor. The Saturday evening performance, at Beaver Island Christian Church, will offer a variety of chamber groups and styles of music, while the Sunday evening performance at Holy Cross Parish Hall will feature a full orchestra, and choral and solo selections by Bach, Brahms, Schubert, Purcell and more.

For the third time, Baroque on Beaver has been awarded partial funding from the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cheboygan Area Arts Council. There is no admission charge for any of the events; free-will donations are welcome to help cover the costs.

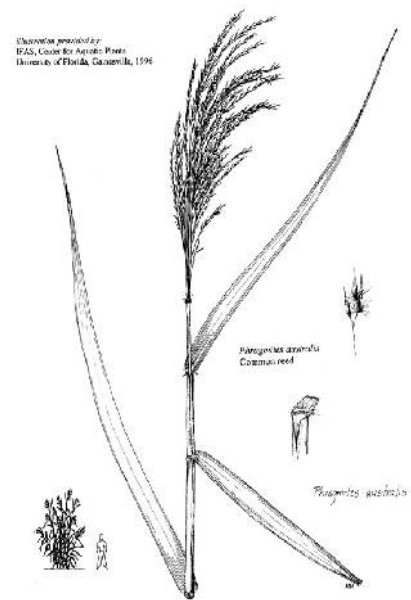
August 6th: Open House at the BIRHC, + EMS 20th anniversary

August 11th-13th Homecoming

September 16th Celtic Games

September 16th - 9-12 a.m. Meet at the Beaver Island Community School for **"Beach Cleanup."** The Beaver Island Community School, the Lighthouse School, and the Beaver Island Property Owners Association once

again will join forces to clean our Island's shorelines of debris. Invasive grasses will be included in our removal effort this year. Special Adopt-A-Beach bags will be provided for the debris. In the event that this day does not correspond to your schedule, you may still participate on an alternative day of your choosing by cataloging your debris and returning the information cards. Stay tuned for the planned event following the clean-up at the Beaver Island Community School. Please contact Deb Roberts, B.I.C.S. or Pam Grassmick @ mcgrass@ameritech.net.



October 16th - Beach Erosion Project- \$1,200.00 of certified native beach grass will be planted at a designated public bluff site. The plants have been awarded to BIPOA from the Charlevoix

The 1836 Treaty of Washington

Conservation District. Students will also be involved in a hand-on community approach to saving a site that is presently losing large trees. Hope to see you during the fall. Mid-October is the optimal time to plant beach grass.

Speaking of grass:

Phragmites update: The Northwest Community Health Department, BIPOA, and the DNR are in the process of proposing a treatment plan for large areas of invasive beach grasses here on Beaver Island. Effective treatment of invasive grasses is dependent upon several factors: proper identification of the plant, application of the correct herbicide in the correct application dose, and the correct season for the application. Small areas of growth are best removed by shovel as soon as they are identified. Care must be taken in destroying the rhizomes; improper discarding of the plant may lead to propagation to another site. Native beach plants also act as a deterrent to the initial invasion.

We hope to give you the latest information at our annual meeting.

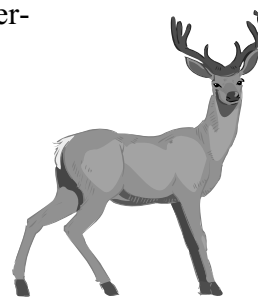
During the 1980s, Beaver Island saw the far reaching effects of the interpretation of the 1836 Treaty of Washington on fishing rights. For generations, non-Native families around the Island made their living by fishing, but this came to a sudden halt. Five tribes are presently involved in another interpretation of the 1836 treaty. They include the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

In 2003, Attorney General Mike Cox requested that a federal court render an interpretation of this treaty to settle disputes that had arisen with the five federally recognized tribes. The case will settle the right to hunt and fish on over 40% of Michigan's lands. The state claims that the treaty is antiquated since it indicates that the Indians have a right to hunt and fish on unsettled Michigan land. The collision



of worlds and ideas involve all lands north and west of a line from Grand River to Alpena and the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula. Yes, Beaver Island falls into that area. The tribes are claiming that 65% of that area is "unsettled" and should be reserved for inland hunting and fishing. Up for interpretation are hunting seasons, bag limits, and limitations as to what tribes can do in "unsettled" areas. Sportsmen and sportswoman have concerns that fish, timber, and public or private land that is not in a city or actively farmed may fall into the area of dispute.

In July, the legal action will proceed forward in federal court, with the State of Michigan on one side and the tribes represented by the U.S. government on the other. After 168 years, this treaty continues to hold great power. This case deserves attention since it involves wildlife and natural resources on Beaver Island, as well as other areas in the state.



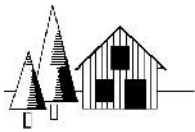
Talking Threads Quilt Raffle to Benefit Beaver Island Groups

The *Talking Threads Quilt Guild of Beaver Island* will display the quilt that has been completed over the winter at McDonough's Store. A raffle for

this unique piece of art will take place on September 3rd at the Fireman's Picnic.

The proceeds of the raffle will be split by 4 worthwhile groups:

EMS, Fire Department, 21st Century Scholarship fund for Beaver Island students, and senior housing. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.



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Membership Application

Beaver Island Property Owners Association

New Member Renewal Update Address

* 2006 Dues: \$20.00 *

Your Name: _____

Island Address: _____

(Address Line 2): _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different than above)

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

(Address Line 2): _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

I would be interested in serving on a committee.

I would like to help with the annual meeting.

I would like to help with special projects:

Please Mail with your Membership Dues of \$20.00 to:

Beaver Island Property Owners Association

Box 390

Beaver Island, MI 49782

Video Update:

As reported in the last newsletter and in the April *NorthernIslander*, BIPOA is moving ahead with the planning of the video: *Beaver Island: A Great Lakes Jewel*. One of the intentions is to provide visitors with an introduction to the Island's beautiful sensitive natural resources. It aims at exploring the Island while protecting those resources for future generations.

By using Beaver Island as a real life example, the entire Great Lakes region will gain a better appreciation for coastal resource conservation and the knowledge to preserve it. There has long been a "disconnect" between natural resource information and the public, which this video could help mend.

The video is just one part of a 3-piece plan which includes a brochure and a website. Individuals will have access to additional in-depth information in various formats.

This winter, grant writing has taken the vast majority of time and has proved fruitful. We are grateful that, after review, we were awarded grants from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Frey Foundation, and Jeanne and Ralph Graham. We are awaiting the results of two additional outstanding grants which are to be awarded in mid-May.

Barbara Lucas has been on the Island this winter and spring completing interviews and collecting data.

The professional film crew is expected mid-September.

Working on this has provided a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with a large number of people both on Beaver Island and scattered around the state. As we move forward with this process, BIPOA will keep you apprised. Thank you for your support and encouragement. If you have comments or suggestions feel free to contact any of the board members.

Help Wanted:

Are you looking for a short term commitment that will directly benefit Beaver Island? Well, we have jobs for you. No experience is needed, just a willing spirit. A BIPOA board member will be present at all events to assist.

1. Invasive Species Awareness Program: Assist with other individuals to develop, display, and educate the community about potential invasive species that threaten our Island. This will take place at the Beaver Island District Library showcase. All items available. A one day creative commitment in June.

2. Beach Restoration 2006: Beach Clean-up has been replaced on Beaver Island to include a more comprehensive program. While we will still participate with the Annual Great Lakes Clean-up on Saturday, September 16th, BIPOA would also like to clean up small sites that are used by the public which have invasive beach grass on their shoreline. The Beaver Island Community School and the Lighthouse School are eager to partner with us.

We are looking for 1-2 individuals who will be on the Island during September to coordinate with the two schools to implement this program. This program requires a short term management position to assist students and beach loving adult volunteers with the removal of debris and collection of data.

3. Erosion Control Program: A one day commitment to assist with the supervision of a beach grass planting program by volunteers. BIPOA has been awarded \$1,200-worth of certified beach grass by the Charlevoix Conservation District to help with an identified erosion area. Students are eager to assist. Optimal planting time is mid-October. October 21st would be the designated day.

Please contact any board member or Pam Grassmick at (248) 489-0784 or 448-2314 after June 6th. E-mail: mcgrass@ameritech.net.

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We want to hear from you

The goal of the BIPOA newsletter and website is to promote greater communication between all Island property owners. We welcome opinions, stories, informative articles, or issues that you feel would be of interest.

The Deadline for the Fall Newsletter is October 15th, 2006; the earlier we receive stories to include, the better. Please submit all articles or comments to: Pam Grassmick either via fax number (248) 489-1263 or through our website www.bipoa.org

Moving? Please Keep Us Updated

Anytime that you do not receive your BIPOA newsletter, there is a reason. The most common is that either you moved and did not notify us, or that your dues

Share Your Knowledge

Beaver Island property owners come from a variety of interesting backgrounds. You or a friend may be willing to share your life's expertise, such as starting a credit union, a specific business, grant writing, environmental education, mental health, civic and/or governmental backgrounds—the topics are endless.

If you are willing to share your time and talent with residents of Beaver Island, perhaps we can help you find a forum. Please contact any of the BIPOA board members with your suggestions.

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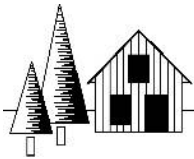
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Information Center

BIPOA's *Property Owners Manual* was mailed last summer to members and placed at various areas around the Island. Off-Island conservation groups and property owners' associations requested copies, so we have now placed a downloadable version on our website, where you can also find all old newsletters archived.

New material relating to property maintenance is available in the Beaver Island District Library in the file cabinet marked "BIPOA." We hope you find these sites helpful.

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