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Sandy Neck Beach Park Management Policies

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Complaints concerning policies, regulations, and/or Sandy Neck staff conduct should be addressed to the Park Manager or Senior Natural Resource Officer.

Section 7 only presented in this version as it pertains to the Cottage Owner access

Section 7: Property Owner Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Permits

7:1 Eligibility

Property Owner ORV Permits will be issued to Sandy Neck property owners, Sandy Neck property lessees (minimum one year lease) and immediate members of their family. Immediate family members include father, mother, sister, brother, husband/wife or partner, son and daughter (including step-son and/or step-daughter).

7:2 Proof of Eligibility

It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove ownership or lessee status. Immediate family relationships can be proven by a legal document such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate or notarized letter.

7:3 Property Owner ORV permit privileges

The Property Owner ORV Permit affords access (via open Sandy Neck trails) to the applicable cottage only. It also allows vehicle use of the front beach (open sections only) for recreational purposes and use of the air compressor. In addition, the cottage owner may use the Sandy Neck dumpster to discard ORV and household trash. Dumping of construction debris, hazardous waste, discarded equipment, or any other items that are not ORV or household trash is strictly forbidden and will result in fines.

7:4 Guests of Property Owners

Guests of property owners may park in the Sandy Neck Parking lot. However, in-season guests are responsible for appropriate daily fee or parking permit for the entirety of their stay. Guests may park in the parking lot out-of-season at no cost.

If the guest intends on driving to a cottage, he/she must purchase the appropriate Sandy Neck Non-resident or Barnstable ORV Permit. Sandy Neck staff will issue a trail pass only after the Cottage Owner has alerted the Gatehouse that a particular individual can access their cottage.

7:5 Marsh Trail Access

Property owners and their guests shall not block access to the marsh trail or any cross trail. Driving through the marsh to bypass sections of the trail is prohibited.