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# Media Advisory

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## BLM Holding Meetings for National Monument Draft Plan

**Lopez, WA** – The Bureau of Land Management released their Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Juan Islands National Monument (Monument) nearly a month ago. Members of the public have until Jan. 3 to provide written comments. The BLM encourages all interested members of the public to review the plan and participate in the upcoming open houses and workshops to learn about the planning process and how to submit comments:

- Nov 5 - 6:00-8:00 PM, Woodman Hall, 4102 Fisherman Bay Rd, Lopez Island
- Nov 6 - 6:00-8:00 PM, San Juan Island Grange, 152 1st St N, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island
- Nov 7 - 6:00-8:00 PM, Orcas Island Library, 500 Rose St, Eastsound, Orcas Island
- Nov 8 - 6:00-8:00 PM, Squalicum Boathouse, 2600 N Harbor Loop Dr, Bellingham
- Nov 9 - 6:00-8:00 PM, Anacortes Library, 1220 10th St, Anacortes

This Draft RMP/EIS is available to review at <https://go.usa.gov/xRphc> and addresses a range of alternatives for the purposes of providing overarching goals and objectives for the management of the Monument to include the protection and restoration of historic and cultural resources, providing for recreation opportunities, and coordinating the management of these lands with local tribes and governmental organizations.

The Draft RMP/EIS presents a full spectrum of different management alternatives, and analyzes the environmental effects of the alternatives. Based on this analysis and comments the agency receives on the Draft RMP/EIS, the BLM will prepare a Proposed RMP/Final EIS with the assistance of cooperating agencies.

The public is encouraged to submit comments through the internet, email, or postal mail:

Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xRphc>

Email: [blm\\_or\\_sanjuanislandsnm@blm.gov](mailto:blm_or_sanjuanislandsnm@blm.gov)

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