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Project Name: North Beach Island Cottages

Location: Barnstable County, Massachusetts

State: Massachusetts

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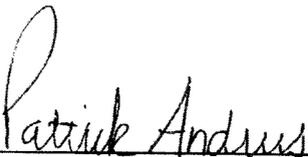
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Eligibility

Name of property	SHPO Opinion	Secretary of the Interior's opinion	Criteria
Sampson-Bloomer Cottage	Eligible	Not Eligible	
Crowell Cottage	Eligible	Not Eligible	
Crowell Shed Cottage	Eligible	Not Eligible	
Dubis Cottage	Eligible	Not Eligible	
Pratt-Carroll Cottage	Eligible	Not Eligible	
Lumpkin Cottage	Eligible	Not Eligible	

See attached Determination of Eligibility Notification for detailed comment.



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This Determination of Eligibility request is for five cottages and one shed (the Sampson-Bloomer, Crowell, Crowell Shed, Dubis, Pratt-Carroll, and Lumpkin cottages) located on North Beach Island in the Cape Cod National Seashore at Chatham, MA. All of the buildings are owned by the National Park Service. We have been informed by the Superintendent of the National Seashore that after the determination of eligibility request was submitted, the Crowell Shed was destroyed in a storm.

The five cottages were all constructed of new materials in 1992, replacing earlier buildings destroyed in the 1991 "No Name Storm." These nineteen year old buildings are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or collectively as a historic district, because they are not of exceptional importance as required by the National Register Criteria for Evaluation for properties achieving significance within the last fifty years.

The Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer in a letter of 10/7/2011, has suggested that two earlier National Register determinations of eligibility (the Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars Historic District in Provincetown and the Mitchell River Bridge in Chatham) are relevant to the eligibility of the North Beach Island Cottages. The two determinations of eligibility cited are for properties with historic and architectural significance and are very different from the North Beach Island Cottages. In 1989, the Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars Historic District was determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under National Register Criteria A, B, and C for its role in American art, literature, and theater, for its association with the life of American poet Harry Kemp, and for its architectural importance for its significant concentration of a rare, fragile property type. The North Beach Island Cottages are not associated with significant events or people, and are not exceptionally important for architecture. The 2010 determination of eligibility for the Mitchell River Bridge in Chatham found that the thirty year old bridge, the last remaining single-leaf wooden drawbridge in Massachusetts (and perhaps in the entire United States), was of exceptional historic and engineering importance under National Register Criteria A and C and Criteria Consideration G. The cottages are not rare surviving examples of an important historic type of structure, nor are they of exceptional importance for history or architecture.