



Interoffice Memo

Re: Responses to oral and written public comments to proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations for User Fees at State Beaches, Parks and Recreation Areas

At the close of the public comment period, DEM staff evaluated the comments and reviewed camping rates in southern New England. The review revealed that the proposed rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 sites for non-residents were slightly higher than MA, CT and NH state campgrounds and some private campgrounds. Based on the results of this review and the public comments received, the Department feels it is appropriate to adjust the proposed camping rates for Tiers 1 and 2 down as shown below.

	No Hookup/ Primitive (Tier 3)		Electric & Water (Tier 2)		Electric, Water, Sewer (Tier 1)		Rustic Cabin	
	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
State Campgrounds								



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Proposed	\$18	\$36	\$25	\$50	\$30	\$60	\$50	\$75
Amended Proposal	\$18	\$36	\$24	\$45	\$28	\$55	\$50	\$75

The Department has also amended the Tier definitions to include the Charlestown Breachway in Tier 3 based on the high number of comments directly received for this campground. Although located directly on a beach, the Charlestown Breachway has no electric and water services or shower facilities.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

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