

GGNRA Timeline

1979	2002	2005	2006
<p>The 1979 Pet Policy was the agreement reached (between 1977 and 1978), after considerable public input, partly in order to fulfill the promises made to the City of San Francisco and its citizens to entice them to turn over some of their most valuable recreational properties to the Federal government to create the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).</p> <p>The '79 Pet Policy allows for off-leash recreation in less than 1% of the total 80,000 (approx.) acres of the entire GGNRA.</p>	<p>The GGNRA illegally rescinded the 79 Pet Policy, claiming it conflicted with National Park Service general regulations prohibiting off-leash recreation in National Parks.</p> <p>This illegal action was the culmination of numerous illegal closures of areas at Fort Funston and Ocean Beach to off-leash recreation (and the public in general in some cases) that occurred from 1991 to 2001.</p>	<p>United States District Court Judge William H. Alsup ruled that the NPS/GGNRA had illegally rescinded the '79 Pet Policy as the law governing pet management in the GGNRA, and noted that the GGNRA had the legal ability to bring the '79 Pet Policy into compliance with NPS regulations by designating it as a <i>Section Seven Special Regulation</i> for the GGNRA since 1983, but had not done so, and would not explain why.</p> <p><i>The 1979 Pet Policy has always been the law governing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.</i></p>	<p>Even now, GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill has the legal ability to designate the 1979 Pet Policy as the <i>Section Seven Special Regulation</i> governing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. He refuses to do so.</p> <p>Instead, the Superintendent insists upon a now unlawful "Negotiated Rulemaking" (NR) process which will cost over half a million dollars, and which does not recognize the 1979 Pet Policy as the law and the logical starting point for NR negotiations and NEPA evaluations.</p>

KEEP OFF-LEASH RECREATION LEGAL IN THE GGNRA!

The first meeting for NR will be:

**Monday, March 6, 2006
4PM — 7PM
Bldg. A (Lower Fort Mason)
San Francisco, California**

The public is invited to attend, and we suggest you do so, to voice your concerns.

***Should NR proceed as premised by the GGNRA, Superintendent O'Neill will be in violation of the following:**

- The Federal Statute which created the GGNRA
- The grant deed restrictions for the properties transferred by San Francisco
- The 1975 Memorandum Of Understanding with the City of San Francisco
- The National Environmental Policy Act
- The Endangered Species Act
- The Public Trust Doctrine
- The Negotiated Rulemaking Act
- The Code of Federal Regulations governing National Parks
- The Federal Panel Recommendations to the General Superintendent on Proposed Rulemaking for Pet Management at GGNRA
- The Department of Interior Director's Order 75A

The GGNRA has demonstrated that its goal in NR is to permanently eliminate open space off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. The most recent example (one of many documented cases): The GGNRA has recently announced that it will conduct an EIS/EIR at untold expense, and that it would not be doing so unless it had already determined that the outcome of the NR will be a reduction from the '79 Pet Policy. The rules for NR are such that regardless of the outcome of NR, the GGNRA can subsequently implement a rule of their choosing, including NO off-leash in the GGNRA or perhaps small fenced enclosures.

The OCEAN BEACH DOG PETITION calls for the immediate termination of NR as it is currently being conducted, while simultaneously designating the 1979 Pet Policy as the *Section Seven Special Regulation* for off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. The Petition can be downloaded at: <http://oceanbeachdog.home.mindspring.com/id50.html>

The GGNRA is a Federally managed park. Anyone who is a U.S. taxpayer and believes citizens should have the right to recreate with their dogs off-leash in a small portion of the GGNRA is encouraged to sign this petition.

*These statements are all based on well documented facts. It has served the GGNRA well to hide these specifics from the general public, so spread the word to friends and family across the USA. Visit <http://oceanbeachdog.home.mindspring.com> for documentation, and to download more copies of this flyer and the petition. (Media inquiries welcome).