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Dear Mr. Robert Green,

The following are some of the points we object to and, or have concerns about.

- Item 14 - amount of impact at 268 ft.² below HAT does not seem to consider the fact that the cribs also cover from light and wave action the areas within the cribbing.

We believe that the physical impacts of the cribs are not adequately considered given the above stated concerns.

What qualifies as a wetland of special significance?

Item 23.

Again relating to the impact of the cribs. The crib's impact 753 ft.²? I know how this was figured but it does not reflect the whole impact on the wetland area and the creatures inhabiting it because it does not consider the area contained within the cribs. This calls for further review.

Exhibit one, item 2.1 how does this activity minimize impact to the intertidal zone?

The project goals are not reasonable given the visual impact on a unique stretch of undeveloped coastline.

Exhibit 8.0 Item 2. Closest distance to similar activity 1/4 to 1 mile?

Ferry dock is not a similar activity. Other dock appears to be more than one mile away and is not similar because it is not nearly as long as the proposed pier.

Item 4. Is visibility of activity seasonal? The 300 foot long pier is long enough to be visible in all seasons from over 1 mile away.

Appendix B – "indirect impact"

Slope -The percent slope at access point from land? We have seen high tides and storms erode the steep bank. Cutting has been done on the bank with no attempt to control erosion.

Marine organisms present.

On any one day it is not possible to tell if lobsters use this rocky bottom.

Also, mussels have existed here in the past. I have personally harvested some.

The date of inspection by Atlantic Environmental could not have been thorough. On the contrary, it is woefully inadequate in regards to the diversity of species in this area.

12.3-tidal waterfowl and waiting bird habitat “appears” to terminate to the north of proposed dock. Where is it exactly?

Again the slope where the access structure to the pier would be is a very steep bank.

Other residential docks “similar” in design. Which ones are being referred to?

Dock is over all habitats but the cribs cover and put into darkness portions of all these habitats.

12.4 It is not “anticipated” there will be a loss of wetland functions or values as a result of proposed project. What is this based on? Rising sea levels and more severe storms are anticipated. How will this project minimize that?

Three trees greater than 3 inches Dbh. How much bigger? Any nesting?

The covenants on the property restricted wholesale cutting of trees. This has already been ignored and the cutting has resulted in wind throw on abutting properties. We know that is not in your purview with respect to this application but shows a disregard for the land and for the covenants.

We know that you deal with regulations and we are glad there are regulations. We believe deeply that a project of this scale disrupts much more than any of the regulations can adequately address.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions.

If this format is not adequate to be considered by you/DEP, please advise me with an example.

Sincerely,

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