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Comments on Docket #2020-P-W-0010

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Comments:

Mr. Secretary: I respectfully submit the attached comments, dated May 14, 2020, in objection to the application submitted by 204 Salisbury Exchange. The structure proposed presents a navigation hazard, interferes with my families use of the cove, could negatively impact a local business, and will be an eyesore in the community. Thank you for your consideration. Scott MacDonald Bay Strand Condominium, Unit #1

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Attn: Rebecca Bobola, Project Scientist
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RE: Application submitted by 204 Salisbury Exchange, LLC to construct a 128 foot long pier (since modified to 114 feet) with two docks and eleven (modified to four) free-standing mooring pilings at 204 Salisbury Street, Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware.

Dear Ms. Bobola,

In response to the Public Hearing on April 30, 2020, regarding above reference application I respectfully submit the following additional comments for the Secretary's consideration:

- 1. Concerns about potential effect on the public with respect to commerce, navigation, recreation, aesthetic enjoyment, natural resources, and other uses of subaqueous.** During the hearing it was stated by Mrs. Maurmeyer that the applicant "did a lot of research and background work looking at the requirement, the guidelines and regulations that DNREC has for structures such as docks and piers." Under Section 4.8 (Requirement for all structures), it states under Section 4.8.4 that "Structures shall not interfere with navigation, public, or other rights." The proposed 114 structure will bisect the cove making it difficult to navigate, infringes on the rights of others and will be an eyesore. There are at least six active sailors associated with Unit #1 alone. Unit #3 also has two active sailors. In addition, the proposed structure will interfere with Delmarva Paddleboards which operates a business out of the Bay Resort Motel.
- 2. The extent to which the applicant's primary purpose and objectives can be realized by alternatives, i.e. minimize the scope or extent of an activity or project and its adverse impacts.** It was stated at the hearing by Mrs. Maurmeyer that that "over the past 20 years, many of the newer piers that have been approved in the Rehoboth Bay area exceed the dimensions of that proposed by the applicant," and specifically referenced the 170-foot dock located in the Seabreeze Development. I would like it noted that the 170-foot structure referenced by Mrs. Maurmeyer is also a navigation hazard and is the reason why I began monitoring DNREC public hearings to ensure that no similar structures are approved inside the cove. In addition to the Seabreeze dock, Mrs. Maurmeyer also referenced the structure that is located at the Bay Resort Motel. The Bay Resort pier is

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part of Dewey's history, is enjoyed by many and in no way impacts boating navigation. All residential docks within the coves are less than 40 feet in length and none present a navigation hazard. Lastly, one of the comments submitted after the hearing from Mr. Strine who resides at 308 Salisbury Street said that the "This application is totally consistent with the houses around it, on the bay." The pier referenced by Mr. Strine is located just outside the cove and is also a navigation hazard.

- 3. The extent to which the applicant's primary objective and purpose can be realized without the use of such lands.** In the 50 years that I have been enjoying this cove I cannot recall a vessel docked or moored in the cove of the size of the one proposed for use by the applicant. Neighbors that have had such vessels have rented slips at nearby marinas. Boating in the cove has historically been limited to small car-top sailboats, paddleboards, kayaks. Occasionally, we see jon boat type vessels with small outboard motors and an occasionally jet ski which utilize one of the two ramps in the cove.

The application, as currently proposed, will impact commerce, navigation, and aesthetic enjoyment of the cove. I respectfully request that the Secretary scale this structure back so that it is consistent with other residential structures within the cove.

Respectfully,



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