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**COMMENTS FOR EISENMANN PUBLIC HEARING RECORD**

In April 2020, I prepared and submitted Matt Eisenmann's DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section (WSLS) permit application for a proposed pier extension. The application was assigned to Rebecca Bobola of the WSLS. Mr. Eisenmann dealt directly with Ms. Bobola throughout the review process, and keep me informed of the revisions to the design through email correspondence and telephone discussions. A (virtual) public hearing was requested, and was scheduled for May 19, 2021. At the time the hearing was scheduled, I confirmed that I would participate in support of Mr. Eisenmann's application. However, shortly before the hearing, I found out that a very close friend had to undergo a medical procedure at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and needed me to drive her to Philadelphia, PA and back home to Rehoboth Beach, DE on the very same day as the hearing. Thus, I was unable to participate in the hearing.

I have read the transcript of the hearing, and I would like to add several comments to the record in support of Mr. Eisenmann's application:

- The project has undergone several revisions since the original application was submitted, to minimize impacts to the greatest extent feasible.
- The most recent plan of the proposed project, as presented at the public hearing, complies with DNREC regulations and WSLS Guidelines in terms of dimensions; property line set-backs; justification (boat registration); navigable water depths; etc.
- The project avoids dredging, which is discouraged; instead, a pier extension is proposed to reach navigable water depths. In addition, depths are adequate not only for navigation, but also to insure that the floating dock will not rest on the substrate during low tide, in compliance with SPGP-20.

In summary, the project proposed by Matt Eisenmann has been designed to minimize environmental impacts, and complies with DNREC WSLS regulations and guidelines. As a waterfront property owner, Mr. Eisenmann and his family are seeking the same amenities that other waterfront properties in the community already have, the ability to enjoy water-dependent activities such as boating, fishing, etc., with his family and friends, and as such, should be approved.

Sincerely,

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