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RE: Proposed Eisenmann Pier Extension and Revision

Dear Ms. Bobola,

The purpose of this email is to document our opposition to the pier modifications requested to DNREC by Mr. Eisenmann who resides at 34477 Skyler Dr., (Lot 48), Lewes, DE.

We, Linda and John Eklund, reside at 23917 Sunny Cove Ct, Lewes, DE, sometimes referred to as Lot 51 on plot plans of the community The Villages of Herring Creek at Rehoboth Bay. The rear of our property looks out onto Herring Creek and it's wetlands. We built and moved into our home in 2014.

We just recently became aware of the formal pier change requests by Mr. Eisenmann. We would have provided our input sooner had we been aware of the request. Fortunately, a neighbor, and HOA member, Anne Lara, recently provided us with the details of the Eisenmann request and your contact information. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our input and position on the request.

We do not support the request for the pier modifications presented by Mr. Eisenmann. While we considered many factors when searching for a location to purchase or build a home, the most important criteria to us was that the property have as much of a water view as we could afford. After several years of searching and researching, we found our current property in 2013, built and moved into our home in 2014. At that time, we knew other homes would be constructed behind us which was, and is, acceptable to us because any home construction would not impede the water view from our property. We not only bought the property for its beautiful view, but also because properties with water views almost always maintain and typically increase in value over time. Our home, a three-story beach house, was specifically designed to maximize the beautiful view of Herring Creek and the wetlands. Any extension of the current Eisenmann pier structure would be in a direct line of sight of our property, reducing the water view, and therefore reducing the value of our property. The current pier structures in our line of sight are generally the same ones which existed when we made the decision to purchase and build. We made a major life and investment decision based on the character of the wetlands and water views at that time. Any changes to the view due to covering the water with additional docks or piers will not only decrease the value of our property, but significantly diminish the beauty of our view and the enjoyment of our property. It is inequitable to permit another party to recommend a change for their benefit which has a negative effect on another. It is also important to

note that the Eisenmann's already have access to the water through their existing pier. Therefore, the proposed extension that they are requesting is both unnecessary and unreasonable. They knew, or should have known, the benefits or limitations of the existing pier structure when they purchased the property.

Thank you for reviewing our position and supporting details. We request that the Eisenmann request be denied based on the above. Please add us as a formal commenter and make us aware of any further developments or hearings related to the Eisenmann request. Thank you.

Sincerely

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