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RE: Docket #2021-P-W-0012 – Norman Singer application – Request to deny this application

I am an owner of a property on Lake Comegys, I am a member of the Lake Comegys Association of Owners. I reside at 38460 Cottage Lane, Unit 5, AKA Lake Comegys Townhouses Unit 5.

Mr. Singer's application proposes to build a large gangway, floating dock, and pier that projects 21' into public subaqueous lands of Lake Comegys. This occurs at one of the narrowest and shallowest areas of the lake. In comparison, the dock for the 28 homeowners of the Lake Comegys Association of Owners, rests within 10 feet of the shore. The Lake Comegys Association of Owners dock is 125 square feet and serves the uses of the 28 owners. It also serves the need of neighborhood, beyond the Lake Comegys Association of Owners, whose children fish from this dock.

The scope of the Singer project is more than what is needed for its stated purpose: launching kayaks and canoes. It appears to be an attempt to take public lands for private use: the extension of the Singer's lot into the lake. This will set a bad precedent for the other 43 owners who share the lake shore. For instance, our HOA owns more than 1,000 feet of the north shoreline of the lake, compared to approximately 120 feet frontage of the Singer property. With our footage, we could build a much larger structure, but we have not done so because of our respect for our neighbors and desire to protect the abundance of wildlife we so enjoy.

For these reasons, the Singer application should be denied.