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Comments on Docket #2021-P-W-0012 -- Norman Singer

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I submitted these comments over a year ago. My position has not changed. This dock, if permitted will set a precedent that violates the conservation easement. It is not necessary and a threat to the lake and other homeowners around the lake. I urge the request be denied. Rick Hardy

To: DNREC, Subaqueous Lands Division

Via Email to: Gayle.Calder@delaware.gov

From: Richard C. Hardy, Property Owner 105 Chesapeake St Dewey Beach DE 19971

Re: 135 Chesapeake St Dewey Beach DE Subaqueous Lands Permit Application

Dear Sir / Madam:

As resident on Lake Comegy for over 20 years, I am writing to express my opposition regarding the application for a floating dock and gangway in the public space known as Lake Comegys by the applicant as currently proposed.

Several years ago, we went through a very long and lengthy process to establish a conservation easement around the lake to protect it as one of the natural assets that it is. As a resident of 105 Chesapeake St, I signed that easement granting protections to the lake and my property investment. DELDOT began the process and I believe it has now been handed over to DENREC.

As a homeowner on the lake I am very concerned about any precedent a floating dock like this would create. Lake Comegy is small, shallow body of water that has wonderful fish, birds and wildlife that have made it their home – year round. My property has a small dock that was build many years ago – it juts out only five feet into the late is roughly five feet square in square footage. It is more than enough.

As Lake Comegys is fairly new to being managed by DNREC, I believe it is critical that DNREC thoroughly review the application and consider “what will be the public policy regarding docks (or floating platforms) on Lake Comegys?”. This application as a “first of its kind” for this newly managed body of water, necessitates DNREC establish what will be allowed, or not allowed for ALL property owners. This lake does rise and fall with the rain and drought. What environmental

impact will there be if this floating dock is sitting on the bottom of the lake. Consideration should be given to the effect on the Lake if all property owners built the same type and size of platform. What precedent will be set if you allow this request to be granted? How will this floating dock impact other neighbor's views of the lake?

My concern disposition of this request will effect how each property owner views their own right to build a floating platform in the public space. It will also threaten the conservation easement that was established years ago. Existing property owners will disregard the easement, bulkhead their property lines and attempt to extend their property into the lake or remove bushes and trees to 'improve their view' of the lake. This topic was brought out during the discussions prior to the approval of the conservation easement.

We have seen over the last several years the impact of new homes constructed around the lake and the impact of water run off – vegetation removed, wildlife disappearing, and the devastation to the eco-system as a result. I would urge any new construction approved in the conservation easement be approved by DENREC before a permit is issued. Too often the damage is done – and there is no recourse as a result of the lack of oversight.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) of the state of Delaware is the primary body concerned with the governance of public land, natural resources, and environmental regulations for the state. This is the time to meet the obligations of the department and protect a state asset.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard C. Hardy

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