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Comments on Docket #2021-P-W-0016 -- Pubusky/Taylor

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1. Although we made settlement on our property at 23738 Herring Reach Ct, Lewes, DE 19958 in October 2019; and live within the notifiable radius of this proposal, we were not included in the notification process of this change. We happened to be alerted to this proposal from other concerned neighbors. It would be helpful if the records were updated to include all current property owners as required. 2. We believe the existing dock to be approx. 26'. The pier is 20', including 4' width of dock. The excessive size of proposed dock will disrupt wildlife and their habitat in the wetlands, will be much larger than neighboring docks in the cove, is grossly oversized for 1 boat slip, and will make it difficult for kayaks and other watercraft to navigate in that area of the cove. In the application, the size of existing dock is wildly exaggerated, perhaps to misrepresent the increase in size of the proposed dock. We're concerned about long term health of the waterways, estuary, and aquatic life that adds value to our property and quality of life. We're requesting the ability to offer verbal comments as stated above during the DNREC public hearing on July 28, 2021. Thank you, Gregory and Carol Stephens