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RE: DNREC, Division of Water, Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section Public Hearing – Fort DuPont Redevelopment & Preservation Corp.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Water, Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section, will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to consider comments from the public on the Subaqueous Lands Permit application for Fort DuPont Redevelopment & Preservation Corp. (Docket #2021-W-P-0021.) The Applicant has applied to install approximately 1,600 linear feet of rip-rap shoreline stabilization in Delaware City Branch Canal, at Fort DuPont, 260 Old Elm Avenue, Delaware City, New Castle County, DE.

DFW Comments:

Anadromous Fish Species

The Delaware River and associated waterways is utilized by commercially and recreationally important fish species during migration and for spawning. Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) and white perch (*Morone americana*) are among the anadromous fish species that utilize this system from March 15th to June 30th for spawning activities and as nursery habitat for young-of-the-year. Therefore, to collectively minimize impacts to these fish species, we request that no in-water work occur from **March 1st – June 30th**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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