

QUILLEN'S POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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To: DNREC Division of Water and Division of Watershed Stewardship

Subject: Joint Public Hearing (Docket #2024-P-MULTI-0007 Regarding Offshore Wind Project)

Date: September 9, 2024

This letter is to express concern over the proposed jet plowing in the Indian River Bay in support of the US Wind, Inc., offshore wind energy project in the Lease Area known as Lease OCS-A 0490 offshore of Maryland ("proposed project").

Quillen's Point is a residential, water-front community with 99 home sites and, presently, 91 homes. We have a marina housing 17 slips, and 33 home sites that have direct access to the surrounding waters, particularly Beach Cove. Beach Cove is an idyllic cove off of the Indian River Bay which is fully tidal and used by many for transportation and recreation.

The Quillen's Point community is located near the northern end of Cedar Neck Road, at the northeastern limits of the peninsula generally known as Quillen's Point. There are several other communities which may be similarly impacted by sediment, including Bayside Hamlet, Ocean Ridge West, Cotton Patch Hills, the Villas at Beach Cove, Wharton's Cove and The Cove.

Our community is concerned that the proposed project will disturb the floor bottom and add to our ingress and egress difficulties. After examination of several of the documents that pertain to the sediment issue that will be created by the proposed project, we have been unable to locate any documentation which specifically addresses the impact on Beach Cove, including the points of ingress and egress near Old Basin Cove (the "Channel") which lays immediately to the north of Beach Cove.

Over the years since dredging last occurred in the Channel leading to Beach Cove from Indian River Bay, we believe in 1983, there has been very substantial sediment infiltration that has led to difficult boating conditions during lower tide situations. In fact, there are times when boaters cannot safely enter or leave Beach Cove due to the shallow conditions.

The Report appended to The DNREC Water Division Water Quality Certification, Appendix II-B, demonstrates that the heaviest concentration of sediment fines, whether the North or South routes, are concentrated in part immediately North of Beach Cove, directly over the Channel. See, e.g., Figure 5-1, Page 22, Modeled Predicted Maximum Suspended Sediment Concentrations, where it is demonstrated that the heaviest

concentration of fines which is predicted, > 500 mg/L, is located directly on top of the Channel in and out of Beach Cove.

We respectfully request that if the proposed project is approved, then a condition of approval be an environmentally safe dredging of the Channel as well as the mouth of the entrance to Beach Cove, on its northern most point. We also suggest that whatever work that is done on this project be conducted during periods of ebb tides when the sediments are more likely to be carried away from the Channel and Beach Cove.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Green", written in a cursive style.

David H. Green
President, Quillen's Point Homeowners Association

C: QPHA Board Members