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RE: Docket #2025-P-CCE-0012, application from North Fish USA, Inc, for a standard Coastal Zone permit (Project CZA-447P) from North Fish USA, Inc. North Fish is requesting a permit to manufacture smoked fish in an existing building at 200 Centerpoint Boulevard, in New Castle.

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposal by North Fish USA, Inc. to open a fish smoking facility at 200 Centerpoint Boulevard, in New Castle, near my home at 712 W. 14th Street, New Castle, DE 19720. I have been at resident at this home for over 50 years. While acknowledging the need for local commerce, this industrial food processing facility presents significant risks to the community's health, environment, and quality of life.

Concerns about this proposal include:

Air quality and health risks:

Fish smoking releases particulate matter (PM2.5) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the air. Exposure to these emissions can cause respiratory problems, eye irritation, and headaches. Emissions from the factory would directly affect residents, including children and the elderly, potentially increasing the risk of respiratory illness.

Odor pollution:

The industrial-scale smoking of fish will produce a strong and persistent odor. This is a common issue with such facilities. Given the wind patterns in the area, it would significantly impact the neighborhood's livability. This would diminish the quality of life and negatively affect property values.

Environmental impact:

The large-scale use of wood for smoking contributes to deforestation and releases greenhouse gases that worsen air pollution. There are also concerns about potential runoff and waste disposal, which could contaminate local water sources and the surrounding ecosystem.

Quality of Life:

How will smells and pollutants increase quality of life of residents? Bottom line, it will not.

Digitally Signed,

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