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Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Division of Parks & Public Lands (PPL)

FROM: Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

Subject: REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW,

PROJECT: Applicant: Bay View Landing, LLC
Location: Camden Inner Harbor (West Side)
Type of Project: Dredging

The above proposed project has been carefully reviewed and considered by DMR personnel. The following are DMR's Comments:

DMR understands that the applicant is proposing to dredge approximately 1,000 cu. yds. of primarily fine sand and silt from a sub-tidal area adjacent to the applicant's floats. Dredge spoils disposal would be at an upland location (the town cemetery).¹

The proposed project is located in front of the Atlantica Restaurant, 50 Bayview St. The upland area adjacent to the proposed project is developed. The inter-tidal is bulkhead. Beyond this is pile supported deck with ramp and floats parallel to the shore. The area is currently closed to the harvesting of shellfish. Diadromous fish migrate through the harbor to the Megunticook River at the head of the harbor. There is an elver fishery at the mouth of the river.

DMR conducted a public meeting in Camden on June 7, 2001 in order to gather information and hear concerns from the public on a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct maintenance dredging of the federal navigational channel and anchorage areas in Camden Harbor adjacent to the proposed project areas. No significant concerns were raised at that meeting.

DMR recommends that dredging be done between November 1 and April 15 in order to minimize potential adverse impacts to migrating diadromous fish, particularly juvenile American eel that migrate in the spring along this shore to the outlet of the Megunticook River at the head of the harbor, and to boating activity in the inner harbor.²

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Date: December 18, 2012

¹ DMR commented to the PPL on a similar project by the applicant on December 31, 2002. The project at that time involved the removal of approximately 2,200 cubic yards of material with disposal at the Rockland Disposal Site, West Penobscot Bay located approximately 3.33 nautical miles east northeasterly of the Rockland Breakwater light.

² DMR granted Approval of Timing of Activity for this timeframe to the applicant under the NRPA Permit-by-Rule program on November 14, 2012. That request described the project as involving the removal of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of subtidal material.