Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 9:28 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Potter Pond

From: Laura Krekorian [mailto:laurakrekorian@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:59 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potter Pond

Dear Dave
I live with my family at the north end of Potter Pond. This is a really special area surrounded by large properties without too many houses. Quite a bit of the land is protected by Land Trust and property owners who have an interest in the peaceful natural state of the land, as well as the undeveloped beauty of the pond in this area. Since we live next door to Perry Raso, we have experienced first hand the commercial development of his entire residential property and his use of his residential dock for his aquaculture business. I understand he is trying to expand his oyster beds and am wondering can you tell me if he or anyone could use this area of the pond for that purpose?

If this is a possibility, we would be completely against this option. This area is full of wildlife that thrive because of the undeveloped quiet nature of the place. And in the summer there is a great influx of boating, with waterskiing, tubing, fishing and swimming. Even with the summer visitors, there is a special quality at this end of the pond because it is quiet and is not developed.
Mr Raso's commercial use of his property and dock has so intensified the development of the area that I feel to add more oyster beds here with more workers servicing oysters daily, possibly parking on his property and working on and off his dock would be more than an extreme burden on the neighbors living here.
Can you tell me if this is a real possibility?

Sincerely
Laura Krekorain

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov 2017-12-086

From: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 12:01 PM
To: 'Sharon'
Subject: RE: Raso Application - Segar Cove

Ms. Yost: We have received your email. If you would like to be included on the USPS mailing list for this application, please reply with your mailing address. Thank you!

Lisa A. Turner
Office Manager
Coastal Resources Management Council
O S Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Rm 116
Wakefield, RI 02879
(401)783-3370

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sharon [mailto:shayne573@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:43 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso Application - Segar Cove

Dear CRMC,
This is an opposition statement to allowing Perry Raso another 3 acres of farming in the Segar Cove area of Potter Pond. According to the news article in the Narragansett Times, Mr Raso pointed out that most recreational clammers would not go in the 6 feet deep water to harvest, however, what is more grossly missing is the opportunity of boaters and kayakers to also use the area in Segar Cove and other various areas of Potter Pond. I believe Mr. Raso's 7 acre lease is quite enough for the size of Potter Pond.

On the other hand, perhaps Mr. Beutal should take a step back from this application as he apparently is inconsistent with opposition vs support in this case.

I predicted a few years ago we will be renaming Potter Pond to Perry Pond.

Sharon S. Yost

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 3:31 PM
To: David Beutel; Brittany
Subject: FW: NO to Perry Raso's lease

From: Tim Haitz [mailto:tmhaitz@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 3:28 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; council@crmc.ri.gov; dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: NO to Perry Raso's lease

Please do NOT extend or expand Perry Raso's lease application in Segar Cove of Potter's Pond. He has already taken over seven acres, and his business has destroyed the tranquility that many of us came here for.

Dr Timothy M Haitz
South County Hills
Snug Harbor RI

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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:36 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Peter Raso expansion

-----Original Message-----
From: pissypie98@sbcglobal.net [mailto:pissypie98@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:25 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Peter Raso expansion

Plain and simple...he has taken up enough area in Potters Pond. His oyster beds are for his profit, however he will tell you otherwise. He is further infringing on the ability of the public and homeowners to enjoy the pond. As a homeowner on Potters Pond, his further expansion has the potential to lower property values. He must be stopped! Enough is enough.
Sent from my iPhone

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Potter Pond

From: Cheryl Brown [mailto:cbrown178@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:03 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potter Pond

Subject: Raso's Aquafarm Application
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov

Dear Mr. Beutel:

We would like to state our objection to Perry Raso's application to lease more of Potter Pond for aquafarm use. We feel this aquaculture farm will bring more industrial boat traffic and noise as well as greatly inhibit the enjoyment of the residents who share this pond.. Potter Pond is used a great deal by both residents and tourists for boating, fishing, clamming and skiing, . Needless to say, this will also greatly depreciate everyone's property value.
The Village at Potter Pond property owners have been gracious neighbors in regards to Mr. Raso's existing oyster farm and feel that any additional use of the pond for that purpose is very unfair to the community. We ask that you represent our concerns to the CRMC officials.

Thank you,
Cheryl Brown and Paul Brown

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 7:43 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Raso

-----Original Message-----
From: Tim Wrobel [mailto:touchdowntim56@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7:41 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Raso

Sent from my iPhone
I am a resident at the village of potter pond. This is in response to an application submitted by Perry Raso for farming oysters. This is in know way a good idea. I am voicing my concern because the pond is a great place for kids and adults to enjoy recreational activities. Please do allow this to destroy our pond.

Thank you
A very concerned resident

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Segar Cove Shellfish Lease

From: xxx xxx [mailto:rjpii@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:07 AM
To: DBeutel@CRMC.RI.GOv
Subject: Segar Cove Shellfish Lease

Mr. Beutel & Members of the Waterfront Advisory Commission:

I write this letter in support of the proposal made by Mr. Perry Raso in his request to gain a shellfish lease on Segar Cove in Potter Pond.

I and friends keep several boats, canoes and kayaks on Segar Cove . I find myself on Segar Cove almost daily when weather and my schedule allows, - boating, tubeing, canoeing, kayaking, casting, fly fishing, waterfowling and shellfishing.

I have come to my conclusion after studying Mr. Raso's proposal and after several discussions with him about this project, including debating the pro's and con's.

I find it especially interesting and particularly important to the future of RI Aquaculture that Mr. Raso intends to raise scallops in innovative ways which necessitate deeper water than he currently has access to.

For generations RI had languished in almost all aspects of commercial aquaculture (in part for good reason) However now with good legislation and good oversight we see a great boon that has come environmentally and economically with 21st century aquaculture.

Mr. Raso is internationally recognised as an industry leader and has proven himself to be an honest, productive and generous member of the community and should be encouraged to continue with prudent expansion.

Thank you,

R.J. Plante,II

Matunuck , RI

Please feel free to contact me for further clarification or if I can answer any questions.

rjpii@cox.net

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: OPPOSE 2017-12-086

From: Jason Blackburn [mailto:JasonB@fariabeede.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:59 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: OPPOSE 2017-12-086

Dear Sir:

I have been boating in that area for 35 years, and have enjoyed spending quality family time in that area as recently as last summer. I look forward to doing so again in the once again this spring. Please kindly mark me OPPOSED to the ongoing greed of Perry and Matunuck Oyster Bar. I know Perry well and enjoy a night out at the restaurant, but SURELY there are other ways than shutting down recreational boating to so many.....so quickly.

In closing, please allow me to note that, although I realize that the timing for public comment is likely within local and state guidelines, the timing itself is also concerning. Such a monumental change with so little time to comment? With all due respect, it just isn't right.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All my very best
Jason Blackburn

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:47 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Lease Application 2017-12-086 Opposed

From: Gary Wegimont [mailto:gwegimont@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 11:48 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Re: Lease Application 2017-12-086 Opposed

On January 28, 2018 at 10:55 AM Gary Wegimont <gwegimont@cox.net> wrote:

Dear Dave Beutel,

I'm writing this email after reading a recent article in the Narragansett Times regarding Perry Raso's application 2017-12-085.

I am in agreement with the author and **oppose this application** as it will take away the public recreation use of Segar Cove.

After living and being on the ponds in the South County area for over 60 years, I have seen numerous areas of Potter Pond and Point Judith Pond being used for aquaculture and clogging up the coves for other recreational use.

These permits are being granted to a select few individuals for their personal financial gains.

I attended URI and received a BS in Natural Resources which included Aquaculture, however, this invasion and takeover of too many of the coves is unbelievable.

It needs to stop.

Regulations and strict controls must be in place and again I oppose this application.

I would appreciate an email to inform me on where I can follow these applications in the future.

Thank you for your time and **I hope to see that this application is denied**.

Gary Wegimont

Narragansett, R.I.

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:47 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: oppose app 2017-12-086 - Perry Rasso

-----Original Message-----
From: Josh [mailto:jcford72@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 3:07 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: oppose app 2017-12-086 - Perry Rasso

Mr Beutel - please decline the application from Perry Rasso and Matunuck oyster bar. The location he is requesting is a multi-generational treasure to many people - to close its use for oyster aquaculture is amongst other things, detrimental to all the people who live, visit and use that area every year. I have a lot of respect for Perry and his restaurant - and for aquaculture as an industry - just not in that location.
Regards
Josh Comerford

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: Sandra Lundin <sandra.h.lundin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 11:19 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2017-12-086

To whom it may concern at CRMC: Perry Reso has control of enough of Potter's pond (2017-12-086)... I think this spot is excellent and safe for kayakers, small boaters and water skiing. I live opposite the oyster bar on the canal and enjoy watching all the activity, both boaters and wild life. It would be a shame to lose such a wonderful recreational spot for the betterment of one individual's business. I am opposed to this application on Perry Reso's part to rent additional space for his aquaculture business. Besides limiting the use of the pond by boaters and anglers it will negatively impact the environment for those living on or near the pond... he already has a huge operation in place and more aquaculture means more workers, more noise and pollution. I am opposed to this application.
Sandra Lundin
401-419-0089

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 2:55 PM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: potter pond aquaculture

-----Original Message-----
From: Carl Erickson [mailto:carljerickson123@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:53 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: potter pond aquaculture

i agree that sugar cove is not the place for aquaculture at the expense of recreational use. this is my stance on aquaculture for profit in general.
thank you for considering my wishes.
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cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov Need Address

From: crabbybillri@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 9:45 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: segar cove oyster farm

my name is William McCusker. I live on Comm Perry Hwy in South Kingston. Please note that as a Matunuk resident, I am dead against having a another oyster in Potter pond. this is just too much of the pond to give up for a commercial use. I will be joining the growing opposition to this to let our voices be heard that the salt ponds are for everyone.
Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 8:08 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: FW: Vssosnowski@gmail.com

Senator Sosnowski

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 1:03 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: FW: Vssosnowski@gmail.com

Hi Dave,
Another email.
Thanks,
Sue
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <cjcharbonneau@charter.net>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 1:26 PM
Subject: FW: Vssosnowski@gmail.com
To: "Vssosnowski@gmail.com" <Vssosnowski@gmail.com>
Cc: "brad@nerace.com" <brad@nerace.com>, "1965shelbycobra@gmail.com" <1965shelbycobra@gmail.com>, "mspaur@cox.net" <mspaur@cox.net>, "stevejacques318@gmail.com" <stevejacques318@gmail.com>

Dear Senator,
We write to you as the elected board of directors for The Village at Potter Pond, representing 71 homeowners. We have great concerns regarding the application submitted by Mr.Raso to expand his existing Aquaculture Farm in Potter Pond.
The Village at Potter Pond Board asks that you send our concerns to the CRMC officials, in your capacity of Senator and especially being the Senate Chair on RI Environment and Agriculture.
We feel that our 71 residents have been neighborly to Mr. Raso and his currently leased farm space. The current 6 acres he leases from the state is sufficient. We residents that pay property taxes should also be able to enjoy Potter Pond and not be worried about the excess noise, boat traffic and the concern of running into/ over Mr. Raso's additional aquaculture farm equipment that new lease acreage will bring. In closing , the VPP Board, wants to thank you in advance for reading our email and assisting us in communicating our negative concerns to the CRMC officials.

Best Regards,
The Village at Potter Pond Board

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Raso expansion of farming in Potter Pond

From: cjcharbonneau@charter.net [mailto:cjcharbonneau@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:33 PM
To: 'dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov'
Cc: 'brad@nerace.com'; '1965shelbycobra@gmail.com'; 'mspaur@cox.net'; 'stevejacques318@gmail.com'
Subject: Perry Raso expansion of farming in Potter Pond

Dear Dave Beutel,
We write to you as the elected Board of Directors for The Village at Potter Pond, representing 71 homeowners. We have great concerns regarding the application submitted by Mr.Raso to expand his existing Aquaculture Farm in Potter Pond.
The Village at Potter Pond Board asks that you acknowledge our concerns.
We feel that our 71 residents have been neighborly to Mr. Raso and his currently leased farm space. The current 6 acres he leases from the state is sufficient. We residents that pay property taxes should also be able to enjoy Potter Pond and not be worried about the excess noise, boat traffic and the concern of running into/ over Mr. Raso's additional aquaculture farm equipment that new lease acreage will bring.
In closing , the VPP Board, wants to thank you in advance for reading this email and respecting our concerns .

Best Regards,
The Village at Potter Pond Board

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 8:10 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Raso CRMC File NO 2017-12-086

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 12:30 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: Perry Raso CRMC File NO 2017-12-086

Hi Dave,
Here is another email.
Thanks,
Sue
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <cjcharbonneau@charter.net>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 3:49 PM
Subject: Perry Raso CRMC File NO 2017-12-086
To: "Vssosnowski@gmail.com" <Vssosnowski@gmail.com>

Dear Senator,
I have been a resident at the Village of Potter Pond since 2004. We bought our cottage for our retirement. We have enjoyed all the amenities of Potter Pond. I am against Mr. Perry Raso's application to increase his farming on Potter Pond. I believe our rights will be violated. CRMC's guide to Aquaculture Lease Application states that the leasing process must take into consideration what is best for all of the residents of the state of RI (Public Trust Policy).
Thank you for your hard work as our Senator.
Carmen Charbonneau
667 Succotash Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Raso CRMC File NO 2017-12-086

From: cjcharbonneau@charter.net [mailto:cjcharbonneau@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 4:11 PM
To: 'dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov'
Subject: FW: Perry Raso CRMC File NO 2017-12-086

Dear Mr. Beutel
I have been a resident at the Village of Potter Pond since 2004. We bought our cottage for our retirement. We have enjoyed all the amenities of Potter Pond. I am against Mr. Perry Raso's application to increase his farming on Potter Pond. I believe our rights will be violated. CRMC's guide to Aquaculture Lease Application states that the leasing process must take into consideration what is best for all of the residents of the state of RI (Public Trust Policy).
Thank you for your hard work as CRMC Coordinator.
Carmen Charbonneau
667 Succotash Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Objection to CRMC Application 2017-12-086

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 12:42 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: Objection to CRMC Application 2017-12-086

Hi Dave,
Here is another email.
Thanks,
Sue Sosnowski
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Kimberly Dion** <kaalmad@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 6:35 AM
Subject: Objection to CRMC Application 2017-12-086
To: sen-sosnowski@rilegislature.gov

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>> To Whom It May Concern,
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>> We wish to register an objection to Pery Raso's application (2017-12-086) to enlarge his oyster farm by an additional 7 acres in Potter Pond. As homeowners of a summer vacation home on Potter Pond we frequent Mr. Raso's restaurant and appreciate his hard work and dedication to his business. However, we have also had to clean up the remnants of the oyster farm (floating ropes and two oyster grids) that inevitably happen. We have had the prop of our boat entangled in the rope attached to one of these grids. While we do understand that this is a potential hazard of recreational activities in a pond that also houses an oyster farm, we do not wish to increase the risk of damage to boaters, kayakers, and swimmers.
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>> We are also concerned about the loss of recreational boating and kayaking activity due to the increased size of the oyster farm as well as the potential loss of property value due to this requested increase in space in Potter Pond. We ask that all involved parties consider the effect of this expansion on homeowners abutting Potter Pond and decline application 2017-12-086.
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>> Thank you,
>> Kim & Joe Dion
>> 691Z Succotash Road
>> South Kingstown, RI
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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: requesting support for opposition to pending permit

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 12:51 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: requesting support for opposition to pending permit

Hi Dave,
Here is a letter to Grover concerning Perry Raso's application, fyi.
Thanks,
Sue Sosnowski
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Lenore Backman** <failte51@cox.net>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 3:48 PM
Subject: requesting support for opposition to pending permit
To: sen-sosnowski@rilegislature.gov

Dear Senator Sosnowski,

Below is the email we sent to the CRMC to express our opposition to the expansion of the oyster farm in Potter Pond.

We appreciate you time in reading it and are hoping for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell and Lenore Backman

677 Succotash Road

Dear Mr.Furgate,

We ask that you please consider our objection to file # 2017-12-086, submitted by Perry Raso, for a "new oyster farm" in Potter's Pond. While we realize that the acreage in use is under the 5% rule, we believe consideration should be given to the pond itself – Its physical characteristics and its use for recreational activities.

The small community, known as the Village at Potter Pond, was formed when families (some making great personal, financial sacrifices) came together to purchase this property. It was a very difficult, often emotional, process. The Village has maintained the character of the area, neatly kept, lovingly cared for, small cottages and mobile homes on Potter Pond in South Kingstown. The 70 families living in, or sometimes renting, these properties, use the pond for relaxing canoe, kayak, or boat rides around the pond. Many villagers enjoy getting quahogs from the pond. Children also live in the village, or spend time there visiting grandparents or family. Paddle boarding has become popular in the last few years as well.

We believe that any enlargement of Mr. Raso's oyster farm would adversely affect the beauty and social use of Potter Pond.

We would like to quote a few paragraphs from an article written in the Boston Globe. The author is talking about Mr. Raso's oyster farm.

"I am standing on the pontoon boat Raso,35, uses to shuttle between the dock at his popular seafood restaurant – the Matunuck Oyster Bar – and his seven-acre commercial aquaculture lease. Scanning the watery vista, I spot bags that stretch like stepping stones in seemingly endless lines beneath the surface. Each bag holds between 500 and 2,000 oysters, depending on the size of the oysters. Raso estimates he uses 10,000 bags. His farm, founded in 2002, produces about 500,000 market size oysters each year. He sells another 4 million to 5 million as 1.5 -inch seed oysters. He also grows littleneck and cherrystone clams but emphasizes that oysters are the mainstay of his business."

"Back on the boat, the sun breaks through the clouds in the late afternoon as Perry pilots the vessel back to the dock. We pass another pontoon where a half dozen people wearing slickers and boots are sorting through bags of oysters."

We believe that these statements support our feeling that Mr. Raso's harvest of oysters is sufficient for his use, as well as profiting from the sale of oysters, with his current lease. It also addresses the physical impact of equipment and workers on the pond with the current lease. That impact would be even greater with additional acreage.

We would also like to reference the CRMC Guide to Aquaculture Lease Application.

We believe the "Public Trust Policy" is relevant. In closing, we ask that you support our efforts to have the tranquility and natural beauty of Potter Pond remain as it is.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Russell and Lenore Backman

677 Succotash Road

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: objection to application #2017-12-086

From: Lenore Backman [mailto:failte51@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:31 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: objection to application #2017-12-086

Dear Mr. Beutel,
This email is in reference to file #2017-12-086, submitted by Perry Raso for a "new oyster farm" in Potter Pond. While we understand that the acreage in use is under the 5% rule we believe consideration should be given to the pond itself ,it's physical characteristics and its use for recreational activities. The small community , known as the Village at Potter Pond, came to be as the result of many families (some making great financial sacrifice) coming together to purchase this piece of property. This has maintained the character of the area, nicely kept small cottages and mobile homes on Potter Pond in South Kingstown. The 70 families living in, or sometimes renting a property, use the pond for relaxing canoe, kayak, or boat rides around the pond. Paddle boarding has also become popular in the last few years. Many villagers enjoy getting quahogs from the pond. Children also live in the Village or spend time there with grandparents and family. We believe any enlargement of Mr. Raso's oyster farm would adversely affect the beauty and social use of Potter Pond.
I would like to quote a few paragraphs from an article written in the Boston Globe in May, 2014.
"I am standing on the pontoon boat Raso, 35, uses to shuttle between the dock at his popular seafood restaurant, Matunuck Oyster Bar, and his seven acre commercial aquaculture lease. Scanning the watery vista, I spot bags that stretch like stepping stones in seemingly endless neat lines beneath the surface." "Each bag holds between 500 and 2,000 oysters, depending on the size of the oysters. Raso estimates he uses 10,000 bags. His farm, founded in 2002, produces about 500,000 market size oysters each year. He sells another 4 million to five million as 1.5-inch seed oysters. He also grows littleneck and cherrystone clams, but emphasizes that oysters are the mainstay of his business."
"Back on the boat, the sun breaks through the clouds in the late afternoon as Raso pilots the vessel back to the dock. We pass another pontoon where a half-dozen people wearing slickers and boots are sorting through bags of oysters."
We believe these statements support our feelings that Mr. Raso's harvest of oysters is sufficient for his use, as well as allowing him to profit from the sale of his oysters. This is accomplished with his current lease. It also addresses the physical impact of equipment and workers on the pond.
We ask that you please let the tranquility and natural beauty of Potter Pond remain as it is.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Lenore and Russ Backman
677 Succotash Rd.

Russ + Lenore Backman
21 Whitford Ave
Prov., RI 02903

February 2, 2018

Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

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COASTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Re: File # 2017-12-086

To Whom This May Concern:

It is my understanding that Perry Raso has filed an application to grow oysters and scallops in Potter Pond's Segar Cove. I have strong objections to this application and request a hearing on this controversial proposal.

My family purchased our home on upper Potter Pond in 1961 and has witnessed significant changes in development and uses of the Pond through these many years. Perry Raso lives across the Pond from us and so we see daily – during the four months of the year when we are in residence – the traffic generated from his dock to service both the restaurant and the existing oyster farm. In addition to the considerable shoreline that we own on the upper Pond, we also own property on Sycamore Lane that overlooks Segar Cove and in fact has a direct view of the chosen oyster farm space.

Like so many, we enjoy many aspects of recreation on the Pond – fishing, swimming, water skiing, kayaking and boating. We have a dock, a 17-foot Maco and two kayaks. From our high vantage point, we see the extraordinary public use of Potter Pond as it is not just by those of us who hold docks but the many others who brave the cut and its tides in journeying to and from Salt Pond. The upper Pond is particularly enjoyed due to the large expanse of open and deep water as well as for its quiet coves. Segar Cove offers the same recreational benefits and its open deep water is even more treasured due to the significant number of homes and docks in the lower Pond. This proposed project would indeed impact the public use of the lower Pond, both in access and in enjoyment. It is not only the acreage taken away from the public but also the support traffic required to sustain the project. Like the upper Pond, quiet shoreline places are also treasured and as a kayaker who does journey there, one needs access to the shoreline to see the abundant wildlife up close.

My family through the years has been very engaged in preserving the unique qualities of Matunuck – its ponds, woods, fields and historic heritage. While initially we may all have celebrated Perry Raso's entrepreneurship, his growing commercial aquaculture enterprise in Potter Pond threatens the public's enjoyment of this treasured Pond.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

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In my opinion, Mr Raso has benefited from the policies of the CRMC in support of commercial aquaculture. Further, in my opinion, that current lease is more than adequate. Regardless of the monetary contribution Mr Raso makes to the CRMC, do not lose sight of the fact that these are public lands that need to be enjoyed by all. In short, I do not support the leasing of additional land to Mr Raso or any other party within the Potter's Pond complex.

At this time, there is a workable balance between the public and this private individual/company. The leasing of any additional land would further commercialize the pond, to the detriment of the public ... and for what I believe is a negligible commercial gain for an individual. Adequate commercial gain and scientific research are being garnered from the existing operation on the current leased premises.

NOTE: I would make my appeal at any open forum ... but do not live at that residence year round. We make regular trips throughout the whole year.

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Re: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Sir or Madam

We are writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new oyster farm in Segar Cove.

Our family has spent summers and occasional weekends on Potter Pond since 2009, when we bought our home on Sycamore Lane. We are very regular patrons of the Matunuck Oyster Bar and have watched, with admiration and some amazement, Mr Raso's business expand time and time again.

However, we are also regular users of Potter Pond. Our family of six has a motor boat, a small sailboat, a canoe, and three kayaks, all of which we use with regularity over the summer months, and with increasing frequency as our children become old enough to kayak independently.

We enjoy the use of the pond for sailing, motor boating and kayaking. While the area of Mr Raso's current farm lies in waters that are generally too shallow to limit motor boating, it does significantly limit sailing in the area of the pond with the longest reach that is subject to reliable see breezes. Some years ago, it was possible to sail across the area of the oyster beds, but in more recent years the equipment in use has changed to make that impossible as the equipment is now usually at or above the surface of the water. This significantly reduces the amenity value of the views across the pond as well.

The proposed site of the extension to Mr Raso's lease lies in an area of the pond that has deep water and that is well suited to a variety of recreational pursuits including motor boating, sailing and shell fishing. Because of that, relative to its size, this farm is

likely to have more impact on the enjoyment of the pond by residents of the town. Being around the corner from the narrow gap between Gardner Island and Ram Point creates the risk of boats blundering into the farm if they are unsighted or need to take avoiding action. This area is also a safe route for kayakers wishing to use the pond alongside motorcraft.

At the least, we would request that CRMC require that 24 inches of clear water be maintained over any working equipment to minimize the impact on non-powered boating activities and on the view. We would also request the committee to review whether the equipment in use at Mr Raso's main farm is consistent with the requirements of his lease in terms of minimizing the impact on the other users of the pond.

We believe that a public hearing to discuss the competing interests and potential benefits of public versus private use of this public space is warranted.

Yours sincerely,

Paul and Judith Beswick

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File #2017-12-086 Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

This letter serves as notice of my objection to the above-referenced proposal, and as such, my request for a hearing to voice these concerns.

As background and reference, my Grandparents, Leo and Martha Colle, built their home at 234 Prospect Road (Segar Cove) in 1948. My parents, who are in their 80s now live in that home. I spent most summers on the Pond. My husband and I have owned our home on Seaweed Cove for 20 years, living here full-time for the last 6. We have a dock, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and a boat.

Potter Pond and the Matunuck area has seen many changes, positive and negative, over the years. The proposal to delineate 3 additional acres of public recreational space on Potter Pond to a private vendor is not in the best interest of the homeowners and ever-increasing users of the Pond. Much of the Pond is fairly shallow, leaving few areas deep and wide enough to waterski without encroaching on a channel, shoreline, mooring or dock. Segar Cove is one of only two areas of the Pond that can accommodate this form of recreation. Non-motorized craft will be forced to navigate in or closer to the channel in order to avoid the restricted area.

There has been a ripple effect since the oyster farm has been in business. Since a large portion of the flats are now restricted, those wishing to crab or dig for clams are encroaching, and often trespassing, on our property. Some anchor their boat or are in the water feet from my dock or sea wall, restricting my ability to use my boat or allow my dogs in the water.

Also, over the last few years (since the oyster farm has been operational) the number of geese wintering on the Pond has grown to an unmanageable problem. Geese are filthy noisy birds and their droppings (on land and in the water) have been proven to cause

health problems. Could this change in behavior stem from more abundant food source generated by the oyster farm?

Though the apparatus used in growing the oyster is fairly unintrusive, the large work platform used by the farm is not. It is visually unappealing, attracts seagulls and their waste and is often quite busy.

It is my understanding that there will be a meeting scheduled to discuss this proposal and I look forward to participating in this process.

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Sincerely yours,

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Re: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Mr. Beutel:

We own a waterfront home on Potter Pond, 15 Howard Circle, where we reside during the summer months and as many weekends as possible during the remainder of the year. Although we purchased this particular home in May 2017, we have vacationed on Potter Pond for decades. Susan has been coming to Potter Pond since she was an infant; her family owns another property on Potter Pond and has done so since the 1950s. Our home is on the western shore of Segar Cove opposite the site of the aquaculture farm proposed in the above application. Because the proposed farm would deprive the public of long-established recreational use of Segar Cove, we oppose this application and request a public hearing.

Segar Cove is a popular area of Potter Pond for recreational boating, including motorboating, kayaking, paddleboarding, and sailing. Motorboats and personal watercraft enter the cove from all areas of Potter Pond to waterski, wakeboard, and tube. The cove is one of only two areas on Potter Pond having sufficiently deep water for these activities, the other being the extreme northern end of the Pond. It is a rare moment on a summer afternoon when there is no waterskier or tuber in the water. We too enjoy boating on Segar Cove. Our property has a dock at which we keep a 19' deck boat for waterskiing and tubing and we have two kayaks that we use frequently throughout the cove.

Mr. Raso's application is required to demonstrate that the proposed aquaculture farm "will not unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore" and "will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce." Coastal Resources Management Program, § 1.3.1.A (formerly § 300.1). But the farm, as proposed, will significantly curtail or eliminate at least some forms of recreational boating in

Segar Cove, especially motorboating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, and tubing. The "Operation Plan and Project description" in Mr. Raso's application indicates that proposed farm will be 20 to 45 feet from the eastern shore of Segar Cove and that the farm itself will have a width of 215 feet. The farm will therefore extend 235 to 260 feet from the eastern shore. For waterskiing, wakeboarding, and tubing, Rhode Island mandates that a "reasonable distance from other vessels, people, and property must be maintained." Handbook of Rhode Island Boating Laws and Responsibilities, p. 72. Other states that have attempted to quantify such a distance have chosen 100, 150, or as much as 200 feet. http://www.uscgboating.org /regulations/state-boating-laws-details.php?id=18&title=%5B4.2%5DWater%20Skiing. A motorboat or personal watercraft desiring to maintain a 200 foot distance from the proposed farm would need to avoid an area extending 435 to 460 feet from the eastern shore. Given that the farm will vertically extend 620 feet, such an area constitutes a substantial portion of the northern part of Segar Cove. Exh. A. Boats servicing the farm may present additional obstacles. Confining recreational activities solely to the western half of the cove is not practicable given that shallower water extends a greater distance from the western shore, nor can these activities move to the southern portion of the cove as it is narrower and a mooring field is located there. Therefore, the aquaculture farm as proposed will significantly conflict with existing recreational public uses of Segar Cove.

We enjoy Mr. Raso's Matunuck Oyster Bar and the Matunuck oysters that he farms in Potter Pond. We support Mr. Raso's existing aquaculture efforts and are not categorically opposed to reasonable expansion of those efforts if an appropriate site could be found. Segar Cove, however, is not such a site. It is one of only two primary locations for recreational boating in Potter Pond and has been for decades. We do not believe that the CRMC should permit the public's long-standing collective enjoyment of this cove to be curtailed or eliminated in favor of the private business interests of a single individual. For this reason, we object to proposed aquaculture farm described in the above application.

Very truly yours,

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Re: File #2017-12-086, Raso Application
Segar Cove, Potter Pond Objection and Request for a hearing on the proposal
Sent by regular mail

Dear CRMC:

I am writing to object to the Raso application for a shellfish/scallop farm in Segar Cove. My family has lived on the pond since the mid 1970's. We are constantly outdoors and cannot help but notice all of the activity that happens in the cove and Potter Pond.

Our family enjoys the cove and the pond immensely. We have a dock, a boat, a canoe, a kayak and just this past Christmas we purchased a Paddleboard. We use the cove and Potter Pond on a daily basis, depending on the weather. Our High School aged children are either in the pond or at South Kingston Town Beach during the summer months. There has also been a dramatic increase of swimmers, as well as additional kayak usage in the cove and pond. The cove is also used by a commercial shell fisherman almost year round.

I firmly believe that the above referenced application, which would allow additional commercial use of the pond, would be a detriment to Segar Cove as well as the entire pond. I am objecting to the proposal for the following reasons:

In section 3, the applicant's description of the boundaries of coastal waters and land area that is anticipated to be affected, Mr. Raso contends that the proposed area is "removed from boat traffic and, away from the navigational channel". Additionally, the application states that "the long lines and floating cages would not interfere with boat traffic as there is no commercial assemblages of shellfish in the proposed area and no recreational attraction on the adjacent shoreline."

I disagree with these statements and can attest that power and sailboats, paddle boarders, and kayakers travel this section of the pond on a regular basis. Particularly, over the past several summers, I have observed a dramatic if not exponential increase in the use of the cove by the public. The portion of the cove in question, because of its shape and depth, has become very popular with people water skiing, tubing, kayaking, and paddle boarding. In a sense, Segar Cove has been "discovered" by those having access to the pond.

In section 6, I would suggest that the farm would interfere with the use and enjoyment of the 3 docks. If I am reading the statement correctly, those using the docks would have to do so from the southerly section of the cove only. The application does not state how far north the proposed lease is from the navigational channel. Further, this area of the cove is utilized during the warmer months by the public on a daily basis for the recreational purposes as noted above.

Also, section 10 must address that "the alteration or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce...;" I disagree that the proposed farm "is removed from boat traffic, away from the navigational channel." While the farm would not be in the "navigational channel," as you pass through the inlet to enter the cove, it appears from the descriptions and photos that the farm will interfere with boat traffic as boats pass into and out of the cove.

Additionally, the deepest areas of Potter Pond are Segar Cove and its northernmost part, near Perch Cove. In fact, these are the only two areas of the pond that are amenable to power boating, sailing, water skiing and tubing. The Raso application includes a map which details Potter Pond and its depth. The proposed farm would take up areas of the cove in depths of six (6) to eight (8) feet. This depth is critical to all types of boating and associated activities. To divert 3 acres of Segar Cove to commercial farming would substantially interfere and harm the public right to use the tidal waters.

I would also note that in section 10 of the application, Mr. Raso references the 5% limit on coastal ponds for aquaculture. Potter Pond presently has 2.1% of the surface area being utilized by his present farm. If the proposal is granted, the new farm would increase the ponds overall surface usage to 3.1%. However, what will be the percentage of surface use of Segar Cove with the 3 acre farm? The 620 feet by 215 feet farm will certainly be in conflict with uses such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, and navigation, uses depended on both water depth and the cove's configuration. Its sheer size is out of proportion to the cove and it would eliminate 3 acres of the pond from the public's use! Further, for those fortunate to live on the cove, there will be constant noise coming from the sorting and harvesting of the oysters/scallops which will substantially interfere with their use and enjoyment of the cove.

I also believe that this commercial endeavor will have an adverse effect on the scenic view of homeowners. While it may not be the floating gear itself, homeowners will view continuously seven days a week the commercial harvesting of the shellfish. They will have to contend with the noise and diminishment of their view by the constant flow of the commercial vessels to and from the farm. This activity will have an adverse scenic impact.

All who care for our wonderful saltwater ponds appreciate the environmental benefits of aquaculture and want to preserve and improve their habitat. However, we also feel that their recreational uses serve a worthy public purpose, and allowing the proposed farm in Segar Cove would seriously impact its recreational use.

In conclusion, the Raso application should be denied for the foregoing reasons. I am objecting to the application and I am requesting a hearing to voice my objection and reasoning. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding a hearing date. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Members of the Management Council:

I am writing to you today as a resident and recreational boat owner of Prospect Road in Matunuck. Our boat (21 ft) is kept on a mooring in the southern end of Segar Cove. We also own three kayaks which we use primarily in Segar Cove as well as the surrounding ponds in the area. My family and I enjoy boating, kayaking and swimming in Segar Cove from early spring to late fall.

I am opposed to the expansion of the oyster farm in the proposed location. I feel that it will take up a large section in one of the only two deep water ponds in the area that is used and enjoyed by many people and their families. Families also come from other areas of the town and the state to use and enjoy this pond because of all of the benefits a deep-water pond offers to kayakers, water skiers and wakeboarders as well as fisherman.

The oyster farm is a commercial operation. Along with this operation comes increased commercial boat traffic and more equipment in the pond needed to maintain the additional gear. There is also an increase of debris in the water whether it be from cleaning (power washing) gear or the result of storm damage. I understand the need for aquaculture as an alternative to naturally grown shellfish as the demand for shellfish increases. I also believe that with all of the water in the Ocean State there has to be an area more conducive for this commercial oyster farm to operate in and be successful.

Please schedule a public hearing on this application so all of the local opposition and interested parties can voice their opinion on the expansion of said oyster farm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Re: File # 2017-12- 086

To Whom This May Concern;

My name is: Allison Taylor Lewis

I have been lucky to spend summer months at Kevin and Christine Hunt's house, located at:
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I am sending by Federal Express an objection to the above referenced proposal and a request for a hearing. I strongly believe that the approval of this proposal will negatively impact the traditional recreational, fishing and shellfishing use of that section of Segar Cove and create safety and navigational issues for the many watercraft that frequent this area.

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I have spent my summer months at 98 Segar Court since 2012, on the same pond where the Hunt family has been fishing and clamming since the 1950s. It is a beautiful part of the world, but I have watched with alarm and sadness as the industrial farming operation has grown over the years. I hope the CRMC will prevent further expansion of this operation, as it would close yet another large section of the pond currently enjoyed by the local residents for boating, swimming and fishing.

The Hunts are fortunate to have a registered dock on the property, a registered 17' Key West motorboat, a kayak, paddle board and rowboat. The proposed commercial use changes and presents conflict to these continued uses.

The Hunts' property is a point of land on the eastern section of Segar Cove. Perry Raso's current oyster farm is directly across from their property to the south east. This proposed aquafarm will parallel the western side of the property.

The following narrative (beginning with "CONCERNS AND DESCREPENCIES WITH THE APPLICATION") matches the language sent by Kevin and Christine Hunt and comes after careful review and discussion of the proposed industrial expansion. I send it again in the hope it will be read not once, but many times by the CRMC as this proposal is considered.

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ITEM 3: "The 3 acre area of Potter Pond is removed from boat traffic, away from the navigational channel."

There are only 2 areas of the Pond that have the open width and depth to safely tube and water ski. Segar Cove is one of those places. There are a constant stream of power boats pulling skiers and tubers. They share the space with vulnerable kayakers, paddle boarders, sailors, canoers, jet skiers, fishermen, clammers, bird watchers and leisure craft who navigate those waters daily. It is already a tight squeeze and many hug the shore to safely avoid the traffic in the channel. It is important to note that because the equipment on the proposed farm will be above water, the large service barges will have to be on the western side of the farm toward the middle of the channel further restricting traffic and expanding the footprint of the farm. The proposed changes will dramatically alter the current Pond use and require small craft, kayaks, paddle boards, canoes etc, into the more active channel of the Cove. These use changes will represent a significant increase to the risk of human safety.

ITEM 6: As stated above in Item 3, the proposed lease would restrict the traditional recreational use of Segar Cove. As well, the narrow mouth of the Cove already has considerable traffic from the 26 docks and twenty moorings within the Cove. Just around the point in

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Seaweed Cove there are 39 docks and numerous moorings that host watercraft that utilize Segar Cove. This increased industrial traffic of large service barges required to service the new lease will magnify the navigational hazard.

ITEM 7:

Residents should be provided with a study that shows that a 3 acre fixed farm on a tidal pond will not impede the flow of water and cleansing tides near the important mouth of Segar Cove. I would be particularly concerned with the riparian areas immediately adjacent to the Hunt family's land.

ITEM 10: "I have seen only an occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease..... I have never seen anyone fishing or shell fishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area."

As a visitor since 2012, that simply is not true. Segar Cove is one of the most active and popular areas of the Pond. Fishing in the southern section of the proposed lease is particularly popular when the bass are running in the spring. At least 2 days a week we see people shellfishing in the proposed site, particularly in the northeast segment. One group uses air hoses to reach the deeper clams.

ITEM 11: Scenic impact and direct view of homeowners

The proposed site is in full view of the Hunts' home and

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of that of many of my neighbors. Ironically, CRMC has granted the Hunts property 2 view corridors. Those corridors allow us to lower the level of the brush so we can enjoy the views. Presently one of our corridors looks directly at Perry's oyster farm business. The Hunts' second corridor will overlook his new venture.

WILDLIFE

The shoreline and land adjacent to the proposed lease is unspoiled and home to a diverse population of wildlife. It is one of the few places we are aware of where one can view otters, mink, and red fox. As well this pristine peaceful oasis secures both a safe migrating and nesting area to great blue heron, great horned owls, hawks, humming birds, and egrets. At our request the DEM and National Grid erected a platform for Osprey that has been the home to a family of Osprey and five new chicks over the last two years. This nest is on the Hunts' causeway, just feet from the proposed lease. Numerous boaters and kayaks travel to view the Osprey. We fear this new aquafarm with its industrial activity and noise will disrupt this rare ecosystem and prevent access of boaters to view the Osprey nest. The Council required in our assent to maintain a contiguous green buffer in this zone to enhance and encourage habitat. I am troubled by the potential of a commercial use conflicting with the previous Council position and restrictions on our property.

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ACCESS TO THE HUNTS' PROPERTY

Access to the Hunts' west shore is by boat only due to CRMC compliance regulations. They are prohibited from cutting heavy brush outside our view corridor and there is no existing grandfathered path to that area. To check their shoreline, check erosion, remove debris, i.e.: dock remnants, planks, plastic, etc., or simply to view the osprey nest, fish or paddle board, Perry's equipment, raised structures, platforms, ropes and workmen will block the ability to bring the Hunts' boat to shore.

PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT OF THE HUNTS' PROPERTY

The Hunt family supported and did not oppose Perry's current oyster farm which is 200 yards from their property. We have watched it grow from a small underwater project that he serviced from a small craft with his dog to a 7 acre multi million dollar enterprise with raised visible acres of track, floating rafts and constant traffic manned 7 days a week. The constant music, shouting and colorful language travel over the water have become part of our lives. The additional proposed three acre farm will be within feet of the other side of the Hunts' property and will magnify all the issues stated above.

Unfortunately, Perry is not always available to supervise his crew. We have had issues with this in the past when their behavior has made both Mrs. Hunt and Katie Hunt

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uncomfortable. We complained to Perry at that time and to his credit, we have had few issues over the past several years. Upon viewing this proposal, we are concerned that a daily unsupervised crew so close to the Hunts' remote home would create safety concerns for us. We believe that that the past behavior and comments could increase and further diminish our peaceful enjoyment and use of our property.

We are saddened to think of the loss of space, safety and enjoyment the implementation of this proposal will create. For all the families who enjoy and respect this special Pond, we request a hearing. After an objective hearing, the impact of the proposed operation will be revealed as adverse and inconsistent with the intentions of RI GL laws and the rules and regulations regarding the aquaculture industry.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Allison Taylor Lewis

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Re: File # 2017-12- 086

To Whom This May Concern;

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My parents have resided at 98 Segar Court since 2002 and have been fishing and clamming there since the 1950s. I represent the fourth generation of Matunuck residents enjoying the Pond and hope to share it with my children someday.

Potter's Pond has already been severely impacted by the current large-scale industrial farming operation and the proposed expansion would close yet another large section of the pond currently enjoyed by so many local residents for fishing, boating and swimming. It is hard to properly convey to the CRMC how rapidly the existing farm has grown over the last few years – it is now an enormous, noisy, messy industrial operation with little apparent concern for the surrounding wildlife, residents and recreation. Its purpose is singular: to make money. And the cost is high: the pristine Potter's Pond of my youth is already an unrecognizable industrial zone complete with a large daily workforce, industrial farming equipment, acres of orange buoys and the requisite noise and physical pollution that come with such a large operation.

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section of Segar Cove. Perry Raso's current oyster farm is directly across from our property to the south east. This proposed aquafarm will parallel the western side of our property. Based on the scale of the application map, though difficult to read, the proposed farm will hug over 600 feet of that side our property, as close as 10 feet from our shore and stretch well into the open cove.

The following narrative (beginning with "CONCERNS AND DESCREPENCIES WITH THE APPLICATION") matches the language sent by Kevin and Christine Hunt and comes after careful review and discussion of the proposed industrial expansion. I send it again in the hope it will be read not once, but many times by the CRMC as this proposal is considered.

CONCERNS AND DISCREPANCIES WITH THE APPLICATION

ITEM 3: "The 3 acre area of Potter Pond is removed from boat traffic, away from the navigational channel."

There are only 2 areas of the Pond that have the open width and depth to safely tube and water ski. Segar Cove is one of those places. There are a constant stream of power boats pulling skiers and tubers. They share the space with vulnerable kayakers, paddle boarders, sailors, canoers, jet skiers, fishermen, clammers, bird watchers and leisure craft who navigate those waters daily. It is already a tight squeeze and many hug the shore to safely avoid the traffic in the channel. It is

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important to note that because the equipment on the proposed farm will be above water, the large service barges will have to be on the western side of the farm toward the middle of the channel further restricting traffic and expanding the footprint of the farm. The proposed changes will dramatically alter the current Pond use and require small craft, kayaks, paddle boards, canoes etc, into the more active channel of the Cove. These use changes will represent a significant increase to the risk of human safety.

ITEM 6: As stated above in Item 3, the proposed lease would restrict the traditional recreational use of Segar Cove. As well, the narrow mouth of the Cove already has considerable traffic from the 26 docks and twenty moorings within the Cove. Just around the point in Seaweed Cove there are 39 docks and numerous moorings that host watercraft that utilize Segar Cove. This increased industrial traffic of large service barges required to service the new lease will magnify the navigational hazard.

ITEM 7:

Residents should be provided with a study that shows that a 3 acre fixed farm on a tidal pond will not impede the flow of water and cleansing tides near the important mouth of Segar Cove. We the Hunt family would be particularly concerned with the riparian areas immediately adjacent to our land.

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ITEM 10: "I have seen only an occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease..... I have never seen anyone fishing or shell fishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area."

As a resident since 2002, that simply is not true. Segar Cove is one of the most active and popular areas of the Pond. Fishing in the southern section of the proposed lease is particularly popular when the bass are running in the spring. At least 2 days a week we see people shellfishing in the proposed site, particularly in the northeast segment. One group uses air hoses to reach the deeper clams.

ITEM 11: Scenic impact and direct view of homeowners

The proposed site is in full view of my home and of that of many of my neighbors. Ironically, CRMC has granted my parent's property 2 view corridors. Those corridors allow us to lower the level of the brush so we can enjoy the views. Presently one of our corridors looks directly at Perry's oyster farm business. Our second corridor will overlook his new venture.

WILDLIFE

The shoreline and land adjacent to the proposed lease is unspoiled and home to a diverse population of wildlife. It is one of the few places we are aware of where one can view otters, mink, and red fox. As well this pristine peaceful oasis secures both a safe migrating and nesting

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area to great blue heron, great horned owls, hawks, humming birds, and egrets. At our request the DEM and National Grid erected a platform for Osprey that has been the home to a family of Osprey and five new chicks over the last two years. This nest is on our causeway, just feet from the proposed lease. Numerous boaters and kayaks travel to view the Osprey. We fear this new aquafarm with its industrial activity and noise will disrupt this rare ecosystem and prevent access of boaters to view the Osprey nest. The Council required in our assent to maintain a contiguous green buffer in this zone to enhance and encourage habitat. We are troubled by the potential of a commercial use conflicting with the previous Council position and restrictions on our property.

ACCESS TO OUR PROPERTY

Access to our west shore is by boat only due to CRMC compliance regulations. We are prohibited from cutting heavy brush outside our view corridor and there is no existing grandfathered path to that area. To check our shoreline, check erosion, remove debris, i.e.: dock remnants, planks, plastic, etc., or simply to view our osprey nest, fish or paddle board, Perry's equipment, raised structures, platforms, ropes and workmen will block our ability to bring our boat to shore.

PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT OF OUR PROPERTY

We supported and did not oppose Perry's current oyster

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farm which is 200 yards from our property. We have watched it grow from a small underwater project that he serviced from a small craft with his dog to a 7 acre multi million dollar enterprise with raised visible acres of track, floating rafts and constant traffic manned 7 days a week. The constant music, shouting and colorful language travel over the water and have become part of our lives. The additional proposed three acre farm will be within feet of the other side of our property and will magnify all the issues stated above.

Unfortunately, Perry is not always available to supervise his crew. We have had issues with this in the past when their behavior has made both my mother and sister uncomfortable. We complained to Perry at that time and to his credit, we have had few issues over the past several years. Upon viewing this proposal, my family was concerned that a daily unsupervised crew so close to our remote home would create safety concerns for ourselves and our family. We believe that the past behavior and comments could increase and further diminish our peaceful enjoyment and use of our property.

We are saddened to think of the loss of space, safety and enjoyment the implementation of this proposal will create. For all the families who enjoy and respect this special Pond, we request a hearing. After an objective hearing, the impact of the proposed operation will be revealed as adverse and inconsistent with the intentions of RI GL laws and the rules and regulations regarding

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the aquaculture industry.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Martin Hunt

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Hello Dave,
I would like to register my concern and disapproval of this application to allow Perry Raso's expansion further into Potter Pond.

As a homeowner on the pond, we feel this expansion will have a negative impact on the many of thousands of people that use potters pond for recreation. Allowing Perry to expand will give him control of an even larger portion of the pond and limit recreational users access and use.

If the application cannot be denied, then at the very least, I think this decision should be postponed until more residents can have the chance to provide their opinion and input. We feel that the timing was intentionally planned for "off season" when many summer residents would not be aware of this application.

Please notify me of the hearing date and time so I can plan to attend and provide a sworn testimony.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Re: Aquaculture Lease #2017-12-086 (Perry Raso)

Dear Sirs:

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) must register our opposition to aquaculture application #2017-12-086 of Perry Raso which would create a three-acre aquaculture lease in Potter Pond north of the inlet to Segar Cove.

The RISAA Board of Directors has received many emails and phone calls from recreational anglers requesting that we oppose this lease; so many, in fact, that the number of these emails and calls easily surpasses the total of ALL complaints received since we began reviewing aquaculture applications 15 years ago!

The exact location of this lease is on a well-known fishing area, heavily used by kayak anglers in spring, summer and fall. The site has a rocky area with proper water depth that lures the fish into the cove. The RISAA Kayak Committee conducts spring "worm hatch" fishing trips there each year. Kayak charter companies take customers fishing to this site.

Therefore, we find that any aquaculture lease at the location requested in this application is most definitely in conflict with recreational fishing and boating and the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association respectfully requests that the Raso application (2017-12-086) be rejected.

Respectfully,

Stephen J. Medeiros
President

Cc: Grover Frugate, Executive Director; Janet Coit, Director RIDEM

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086
Raso Application, Segar Cove Potter Pond

Dear Mr. Beutel,

By the way of introduction, we have had a home with deeded access and a dock in the northern part of Potter Pond since 1978. I visited your office this past week when I realized that Mr. Raso had submitted an application to increase his aquaculture farm in Potter Pond to grow oysters and bay scallops in Segar Cove. To be very honest, I was surprised that CRMC would pick that location for Mr. Raso to expand his business.

Segar Cove is a place where the public fish, swim, water-ski, kayak, canoe – you name it. It is a place to enjoy the water and the peace and quiet of a very special pond and cove. I do believe that the alteration and activity with workers and boat traffic to maintain the oysters and scallops will be very disruptive to the recreational users.

As you pointed out to me, Potter Pond is owned by the State of Rhode Island and my reaction was the taxpayer owns the pond. I think we should have input when access to the pond is denied and that is what will happen when people try to use that part of Segar Cove where Mr. Raso is growing his oysters and scallops.

It is unclear to me if CRMC is going to have a hearing. I hope so because I think it would be beneficial if you could listen to our concerns and try to help us understand why you don't think this will affect our use of Segar Cove.

Sincerely,

Carol G. Cimilluca

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Re: File # 2017-12-086 Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Members of the CRMC:

We would like to express our opposition to the above application to create and maintain a three acre oyster and bay scallop farm on Potter Pond.

Our family uses the pond frequently for recreational boating, paddle boarding, kayaking, and fishing. It is a very small pond with barely enough usable space for power boating and water sports like tubing. The location of the proposed farm abuts a rare section of the pond with enough depth for power boating. We have a house with a private dock at the Southern end of the pond. We spend a lot of time on the water as a family and truly appreciate its natural beauty. Our teenage boys also love to paddle board or take a canoe out for fishing. The pond is what attracted us to this spot.

There are three main concerns with additional farming.

First, the three acres of proposed farming would further limit a space that is already quite small for recreational boating and paddling. This is a wonderful public space and the farm would significantly conflict with our use.

Secondly, we are concerned about the path that working boats and barges would take to reach this farm as part of their daily routine. There is a very narrow navigational route for power boats between sections of the pond given limited depths and we believe that adding commercial traffic at any level could make it more challenging from a safety and access standpoint.

Lastly, creating a farm with any visible apparatus, working boats, or barges will have a negative scenic impact in an area of great beauty.

We thank the council for its consideration.

Regards,
Kevin and Kathleen Moore

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RE: Public Notice File: 2017-12-086

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in opposition of the application of Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road, Wakefield, to establish a new three (3) acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

My family has owned property in Matunuck since 1950 and over the years, we have used the pond for fishing as well as water sports. We already do not appreciate the amount of open space his current oyster beds are taking up in a wide open area which could otherwise be used for boating and other activities. To take away more space would be a detriment to the rest of us who live near the pond and would like to use it for our enjoyment.

While we enjoy are pleased that the Matunuck Oyster Bar is a strong and thriving business, we strongly believe that no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space should be permitted and therefore, we strongly encourage the CRMC NOT to approve Mr. Raso's application.

Sincerely,

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Re: Application 2017-12-086

Councilmembers,

As a resident of the Segar Cove area of Potter Pond I must oppose this 3-acre aquaculture farm application and request a hearing to voice the following concerns:

"...the alteration will not unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore.

...the alteration or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce."

I maintain a vessel and mooring in Segar Cove for the specific purposes of recreating and shellfishing in Segar Cove. Though expansive in surface area, very little of Potter Pond is "navigable" for vessels that draw more than 2 feet of water. The area of the requested lease is in one of only two areas in the entire pond where I can recreationally waterski with friends and family members as I have done so for over forty years. I also regularly paddleboard and kayak in the same area. Additionally, I routinely shellfish for my own sustenance along that eastern shore of Segar Cove and do not wish to see access limited by aquaculture.

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As impressed as I am by Mr. Raso's success in the Aquaculture industry I feel the balance of life on the pond will be negatively impacted for many Rhode Islanders by allowing a lease in the requested area.

William G. Leddy

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To: Coastal Resources Management Council

RE: Request for hearing re: Application of P. Raso, CRMC File # 2017-12-086, for extension of Oyster farm into Segar Cove

Based upon 14 years of experience engaging in boating and other water recreational activities on Segar Cove, and having reviewed Mr. Raso's application, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Mr. Raso's application and proposal to extend his oyster cultivation farm into Segar Cove on Potter Pond.

For almost 15 years my wife and I have resided, year round, at our 83 Prospect Road home which fronts on Seaweed Cove in Potter Pond. We have a dock on Seaweed Cove. Over the years we and our family and friends have operated our 18 ft. Edgewater out board, RI license # 19352, Kayaks, paddle boards, and engaged in shell fishing, water skiing, tubing, and swimming in Segar Cove. I have observed many others engaging in such activities on Segar Cove, and such activity has increased over the years. Based upon that experience and my observations I firmly believe that the extension of Mr. Raso's oyster farm into Segar Cove necessarily resulting in constricting and reducing the area now available for recreational use would detrimentally affect and interfere with the citizens' recreational use of Segar Cove and substantially increase the likelihood of accidents and collisions involving those engaging in such activities. I find that Mr. Raso's representations regarding the extent of recreational use on Segar Pond to be incorrect and dramatically understated.

I would join in and incorporate herein by reference the documents and comments on this application from Mr. Robert Hefner of 231 Sycamore Lane, Wakefield, RI 02879

Respectfully submitted,

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Hi, my name is Teresa Dillon. I am a Matunuck Summer resident and would like to voice my concerns and opposition to the proposed three-acre farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

I grew up in Matunuck and my greatest source of recreation is Segar Cove, Potter Pond. I am always outside on the water - swimming, tubing, kayaking, on paddle boards and fishing. Segar Cove is my favorite spot for all these activities. My family and I have always had a dock and multiple boats, kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. Currently we have a 20-foot Key West, 12-foot aluminum skiff, 6-foot dinghy, three kayaks and three paddle boards. Our family of six, innumerable friends and countless residents and visitors enjoy Segar cove, Potter's Pond each year. My favorite time is when we host family get togethers on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day Weekend. This is when Segar Cove, Potter Pond, is the center of our fun and enjoyment.

I am absolutely in opposition to - Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond. I believe that this proposal is in direct violation of the CRMC guidelines. It will interfere with, impair, and significantly impact existing public access to, and use of, Segar Cove's tidal waters and the Pond's shore. In addition, this alteration will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as all those that we enjoy; recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation around the pond.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and attention to this letter and my formal request that the CRMC schedule a hearing so that I can voice my concerns and objections.

Sincerely,

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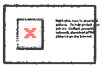
Everyone in Matunuck knows Perry Raso and admires all that he has done to create such a thriving business, The Matunuck Oyster Bar. HOWEVER, I firmly believe that there should be no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space as we are among the MANY MANYwho thoroughly enjoy and look forward to many years of continued use. The reduction in recreational water space would be a significant detraction and disservice to taxpayer of South Kingstown, while Mr Raso continues to build his commercial enterprise.

<u>Please do not allow any further commercial expansion of this already limited estuary.</u>

IN CLOSING, should this application move forward, I am requesting a PUBLIC HEARING prior to the approval.

Regards,

Michael P. Moriarty

 Virus-free. www.avg.com

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To CRMC,

I am writing to OBJECT to Perry Raso's application FILE 201712-086. In my opinion, an oyster/scallop farm at the proposed location will have a significant negative impact on the local native fish, shellfish, crabs and general aquatic environment. The proposed site is one of the few areas in the salt ponds north of East Matunuck Beach with somewhat deep water access. The proposed farm would be a major infringement on boating, fishing, clamming, paddle boarding, swimming and day sailing on the pond. I have a mooring in Seaweed Pond and plan to purchase a boat this spring to enjoy the pond. I am very aware of the already very limited access to navigate the limited shallow water " paths" for recreational use (especially in pea soup fog) and local knowledge is key for safety. The proposed farm would certainly impede and interfere with public access to, navigation of and recreational use of these waters.

I respect the success of Mr. Raso's business efforts and his contribution to the community. I object to anyone proposing aquatic interference in the area, as it is a major infringement of public use and alteration of native habitat. I object to 2017-12-086, Raso.

Respectfully,

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

My name is Mary Kate Dillon. I am a Matunuck resident and would like to voice my concerns and opposition to the proposed three-acre farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

My husband and I have raised four children and now grandchildren, whose greatest source of recreation is Segar Cove, Potter Pond. We are always outside on the water - swimming, tubing, kayaking, on paddle boards and fishing. Segar Cove is our favorite spot for all these activities. We have always had a dock and multiple boats, kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. Currently we have a 20-foot Key West, 12-foot aluminum skiff, 6-foot dinghy, three kayaks and three paddle boards. Our family of six, innumerable friends and countless residents and visitors enjoy Segar cove, Potter's Pond each year. We host family get togethers on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day with the enjoyment and recreation focused on being on the pond in Segar Cove.

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I greatly appreciate your consideration and attention to this letter and my formal request that the CRMC schedule a hearing so that I can voice my concerns and objections.

Sincerely,

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Hi, my name is Mark Dillon. Segar Cove, Potter Pond is my favorite place in Matunuck. I am a Summer resident and would like to voice my concerns and opposition to the proposed three-acre farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

I grew up in Matunuck and my greatest source of recreation is Segar Cove, Potter Pond. I am always outside on the water - swimming, tubing, kayaking, on paddle boards and fishing. Segar Cove is my favorite spot for all these activities. My family and I have always had a dock and multiple boats, kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. Currently we have a 20-foot Key West, 12-foot aluminum skiff, 6-foot dinghy, three kayaks and three paddle boards. Our family of six, innumerable friends and countless residents and visitors enjoy Segar cove, Potter's Pond each year. We host several family get togethers and Segar Cove, Potter Pond, is always the center of our fun and enjoyment.

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I greatly appreciate your consideration and attention to this letter and my formal request that the CRMC schedule a hearing so that I can voice my concerns and objections.

Sincerely,

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My name is Jim Dillon and I am a highly concerned resident of Matunuck who opposes the proposed three-acre farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

My wife and I have been on the pond for 25 years beginning in 1994. We have raised four children and now grandchildren whose greatest source of recreation was Segar Cove, Potter Pond. Myself and my family are always outside on the water - swimming, tubing, kayaking, on paddle boards and fishing. Segar Cove is our favorite spot for all these activities. We have always had a dock and multiple boats, kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. Currently we have a 20-foot Key West, 12-foot aluminum skiff, 6-foot dinghy, three kayaks and three paddle boards. My family of six and all are friends are always on the pond and in Segar Cove. Seeing the enjoyment people have on the pond, I am confident when I say that Segar cove, Potter's Pond is enjoyed by countless residents and visitors each year.

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Perry Raso has applied to obtain 3-cres of Segar Cove, Potter Pond, for oyster and scallop farming. My family has owned a house on Potter's Pond since 1994. We live there all Summer and spend most of our time in Segar Cove. Our friend's, the Suzio family, have been renting a house every Summer on Segar Cove. Mrs. Suzio uses Segar Cove to take her children and I tubing every day. Our families also use this cove to paddleboard, kayak, swim, boa, fish and clam in. The area that Perry intends to use for farming is the area that my family and I use to do our swimming training for triathlons. It would be impossible to practice without this area because it is the safest part of the cove, where boats will not be driving close to.

I have noticed that the area the Matunuck Oyster Bar farm obtained has continued to expand. When I was a child, that was the area that my parents took me to swim. This is now restricted because of years of expansion. I am concerned and oppose the request for the 3-acres of what is now recreational space.

Potter's Pond includes two deep coves, one of them being Segar Cove. The two coves are widely used for water activities. The addition of an oyster and scallop farm in Segar Cove would increase traffic in and out of the small entrance, possibly causing safety hazards. This would largely decrease the public's access to this cove. I along with my family and friends believe the proposed project would impair the following CRMC requirements:

"the alteration will not unreasonable interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore;" and "the altercation or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation and commerce."

We strongly object to the referenced proposal. We request that a hearing be held, and the proposal be denied.

Sincerely yours,

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Hi, my name is Patrick Putnam. I am a Matunuck resident and would like to voice my concerns and opposition to the proposed three-acre farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

I grew up in Matunuck and my greatest source of recreation is Segar Cove, Potter Pond. I am always outside on the water - swimming, tubing, kayaking, on paddle boards and fishing. Segar Cove is my favorite spot for all these activities. My family and I have always had a dock and multiple boats, kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. Currently we have a 20-foot Key West, 12-foot aluminum skiff, 6-foot dinghy, three kayaks and three paddle boards. Our family of six, innumerable friends and countless residents and visitors enjoy Segar cove, Potter's Pond each year. My favorite time is when we host family get togethers on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day Weekend. This is when Segar Cove, Potter Pond, is the center of our fun and enjoyment.

I am absolutely in opposition to - Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond. I believe that this proposal is in direct violation of the CRMC guidelines. It will interfere with, impair, and significantly impact existing public access to, and use of, Segar Cove's tidal waters and the Pond's shore. In addition, this alteration will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as all those that we enjoy; recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation around the pond.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and attention to this letter and my formal request that the CRMC schedule a hearing so that I can voice my concerns and objections.

Sincerely,

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RE: Public Notice File: 2017-12-086

Dear Sirs:

As a resident of South Kingstown since 1969 living on Seegar Cove, I recall black inner tubes which gave way to a colorful variety of water sports for children, parents and guests. Boating, wind sails and a host of other water activities prevailed.

Without a formal notice, a commercial plan exists allowing boat traffic to enter and leave Seegar Cove. The purpose is to dock at ta three acre work station at Seegar Cove. A variety of water craft, individuals on water boards and tubes also use the opening to Seegar Cove. Safety is a consideration.

Sincerely,

George Goneconto

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I propose not to approve: Public File: 2017-12-686

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Solstice at Segar Cove

Solstice coughs and awakens.
It breathes deeply.
Its breath showers the earth.
The sun shyly obeys — it retreats.
Nighttime, solstice breathes on the moon until
it darkens to orange.
Casting light beams ricochet off water.
Geese and mallards acclaim by wingtip applause
then sit on frozen water in silence.
Gulls raise their beaks and chant on one note.
Icescapes form at still water.
Timeless and predictable, solstice weakens.
Tired, it waits until it sees its reflection
in a thawing, uninhabited creek
then sleeps.

George Goneconto
Wakefield

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TO: **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**
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DATE: January 29, 2018
RE: Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Members of CRMC:

We write in opposition to the above application to increase the acreage of the oyster farming operation in the Segar Cove are of Potters Pond.

For many years we have owned a home abutting Potter's Pond. When Matunuck Oyster Bar, owned by Mr. Perry Raso, first installed his oyster farm, the racking system was below the surface and posed no hazard to boats, kayaks, sailboats and paddle boards, as it was possible to navigate over them. Then the area of the racks increased substantially, with new structures built on the surface of the water, blocking large areas of the pond making the area inaccessible to boats, kayaks, sailboats and paddle boards. This has caused a major infringement to public of this area by boats, fishing, kayaking, sailboats, etc.

The above application seeks to reduce even more area of Potter's Pond available for recreational use, wild habitat and scenic beauty. This proposed alteration will definitely impair and significantly impact existing public access to tidal waters and the shore. Additionally, the alteration will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating fishing, swimming, navigation, etc.

In conclusion, we write to ask that you deny this application, Number 2017-12-086, as an over burden of a beautiful resource treasured by many. My family, along with many of our friends, live for the chance to swim, boat, tube, paddle board, sail and kayak each summer on the pond. The interests and enjoyments should not be sacrificed to the increase business goals of the applicant.

Very Truly Yours,

Albert H. Greer, Jr. & Lauren Greer

Mr. Albert Greer, Jr & Mrs. Lauren Greer

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CRMC,

I object to the proposed Aquaculture Plan of Perry Raso in Segar Cove in Matunuck, RI.

I request a hearing on the matter.

Respectfully, David W Capuano 1/29/18

January 30, 2018

Mr. David Beutel
CRMC
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Dear Mr. Beutel,

This correspondence is in response to the recent application by Mr. Perry Raso for a three (3) acre shellfish lease in Potter Pond (Segar Cove). This lease would be in addition to the almost 12 acre lease already in existence in another area of Potter Pond.

As homeowners with waterfront property on Potter Pond please consider this letter our formal objection to this most recent lease application.

It goes without saying that Mr. Raso has built a very successful business as evidenced by his numerous permit applications for additions, expansions, OWTS replacements and road shoulder widening projects. All of this has come at a cost to those of us who live in close proximity to the Matunuck Oyster Bar. The residents of the area have seen a ten-fold increase in vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic and motor vehicle accidents as a result of his success. As small business owners and with family members in the commercial fishing and shell-fishing industry we are not opposed to his business or success, rather we are in opposition to the changes this has brought about.

Many of the homeowners who live on the pond utilize that body of water as a means of recreation during the summer. In fact there are many who also use the pond during the winter to hunt. There are hundreds of families, not to mention vacationers, who kayak, water ski, jet ski, paddleboard etc... Due to the uniqueness of the pond being quite shallow it is a wonderful place for young children to be able to play somewhat safely. On any given evening one can see fisherman in their kayaks and small boats trying to catch the elusive striper. The watercraft used on the pond is traditionally smaller craft than are used for open water. When the areas of the pond utilized by this watercraft become diminished the resultant effect will be congestion. This will undoubtedly inhibit/impede people's use of the pond. When do the needs of one supersede the needs of many?

This new lease will require the use of suspended and floating gear which is in danger of getting caught in props, lines etc... The fouls smells emitting from the bags will be a wonderful aroma on a hot summer day. Please refer to this article to read what some of Mr. Raso's neighbors have had to deal with.

http://www.independentri.com/independents/ind/south_kingstown/article_eda8fd1e-408d-559f-b737-f96d37152955.html

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Re: File 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To Whom It May Concern;

We are writing in reference to the above application for a shellfish lease in Segar Cove on Potter Pond. We have reviewed the application and feel we must input our reasons for being opposed to this project.

Since the purchase of our home at 282 Prospect Street there has been the development of the initial shellfish farm by Mr. Raso in Potter Pond. This is a remarkable achievement by him and we respect the amount of effort involved to make this successful. We have always felt that the shellfish farm itself was rather unsightly but that its location, in shallow waters not heavily utilized and a significant distance from any residential homes yet still in a very protected area was a perfect location.

The current application raises some concerns for us. These are as follows:

1) ***Tranquility of the pond:***
   This area of the pond is a beautiful cove with many residential homes including ours with a clear view of the proposed lease area. This was a major selling point in our purchase of this house.

2) ***Visual pollution:***
   The buoys, mesh bags floating on the surface, PVC piping and miscellaneous equipment as well as the support boats and barges are unsightly in a residential neighborhood.

3) ***Specific questions:***
   This is a residential neighborhood and the proposed site is not more than a few hundred yards over open water from our house. Would barges and boats be moored on site as seen at the other lease? Would the hours be restricted to normal business hours? Would the days be restricted to weekdays? Would work be allowed on holidays? Weekends?
   Sound travels over water and this would definitely affect the quality of life in the neighborhood.

4) ***Property values:***
We believe this will have a negative impact on property values. We would not have bought our house with a view of a commercial operation very close by.

5) ***Other users of the proposed lease area:***
Segar Cove in my opinion gets more recreational use than the rest of Potter Pond. One reason being the water is overall deeper than most of Potter Pond. In the summer months there are kayakers, paddle boarders, pleasure boaters, jet skiers, water skiers, tubers, canoers, swimmers, etc. There are fishermen in the immediate area of the proposed shellfish lease over a much longer season. During a worm hatch it is not uncommon for there to be fifteen or more kayak and boat fishermen in the immediate area. In the fall there is almost always a school of small Striped Bass in the proposed lease area. There are also commercial clam harvesters that work in the area immediately adjacent to the proposed lease along the shore if not in the lease area itself.
Eliminating the three acres from the current users will condense the various recreational users into an area that is already crowded. While Potter Pond covers a fair amount of acreage the area that is navigable is much smaller.

6) ***Density of shellfish operations:***
Is this lease the only lease to be considered for Segar Cove? If someone else comes in next week, month or year what would stop them from getting another lease further compounding our concerns.

In closing we thank you for your time considering our reasons for being opposed to this lease application. Our family and friends currently enjoy our view that will be impacted as well as losing use of an area of the pond that we currently utilize along with many others.

We do not want to prevent Mr. Raso from expanding his operations but feel that the area currently being considered impacts many other users and neighbors in a negative way and should not be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in reference to the above application for a shellfish lease in Segar Cove in Potter Pond. We have reviewed the application and are adamantly opposed to this project.

We respect Mr Raso's initial shellfish farm, and find that it is of little impact on the pond.

However we feel his new undertaking will impact the pond and residences greatly. We feel Mr Raso's new application will upset the peacefulness and beauty of the pond. There are many residences, of premium value and a strong tax base. The pond itself is a strong selling point for the homes surrounding it. To have a shellfish industry, with all their equipment readily in view (Piping, buoys, mesh bags,barges and boats etc) will be unsightly for such a populated area of the pond. Also it will interfere with the recreational enjoyment of the area (pleasure boaters, paddle boarders, kayakers, water skiers, swimmers and jet skiers).

We feel, industrializing this area will also bring our house vales down, and open up the area to others who would want to expand on the leasing possibilities.

The Cater family has had a residence on Prospect Rd on Gardner Island for over fifty years and would not like to see the residential and recreational value of the area compromised.

We hope you will give our objection your full consideration.

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Respectfully,

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We enjoy the cove and the pond immensely. We have a dock, a 19 foot Boston Whaler, as well as a paddleboard. We use the cove and Potter Pond on a weekly, if not daily basis, from late spring through October. I paddleboard all over the cove during the warmer months. The public, from a nearby right of way, kayaks into the cove and, over the past few years, there has been a dramatic increase in swimmers in the cove. The cove is also used by commercial shellfishermen almost year round.

I firmly believe that the above referenced application, which would allow additional commercial use of the pond, would be a detriment to Segar Cove, as well as the entire pond. I am objecting to the proposal for the following reasons:

In section 3, the applicant's description of the boundaries of coastal waters and land area that is anticipated to be affected, Mr. Raso contends that the proposed area is "*removed from boat traffic and, away from the navigational channel*". Additionally, the application states that "*the long lines and floating cages would not interfere with boat traffic as there is no no commercial*

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I disagree with these statements and can attest that power and sailboats, paddle boarders, and kayakers travel this section of the pond on a regular basis . Particularly, over the past several summers, I have observed a dramatic if not exponential increase in the use of the cove by the public. The portion of the cove in question, because of its shape and depth, has become very popular with people water skiing, tubing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. In a sense, Segar Cove has been "discovered" by those having access to the pond.

In section 6, I would suggest that the farm would interfere with the use and enjoyment of the 3 docks. If I am reading the statement correctly, those using the docks would have to do so from the southerly section of the cove only. The application does not state how far north the proposed lease is from the navigational channel. Further, this area of the cove is utilized during the warmer months by the public on a daily basis for the recreational purposes as noted above.

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(As an aside, the location of the present farm was the area where we would regularly go quahogging. It was also a prime area to paddleboard and kayak. I can state that the present farm substantially interfered with the public's right to use the tidal waters, although I am happy to see Mr. Raso and the MOB do well).

I would also note that in section 10 of the Application, Mr. Raso references the 5% limit on coastal ponds for aquaculture. Potter Pond presently has 2.1% of the surface area being

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All who care for our wonderful saltwater ponds appreciate the environmental benefits of aquaculture and want preserve and improve their habitat. However, we also feel that their recreational uses serve a worthy public purpose, and allowing the proposed farm in Segar Cove would seriously impact its recreational use.

In conclusion, the Raso application should be denied for the foregoing reasons. I am objecting to the application and *I am requesting a hearing* to voice my objection and reasoning. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding a hearing date. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Very truly yours,

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TO CRMC 1/24/18

I object to Raso App. 2017-12-086 and request hearing

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As a summer resident - 5/6 mos - for 90 yrs and property owner (same location) for over 35 yr., I object on the following points

Major impact on use and access to entire area for shellfishing (best loc on pond) fishing (one of best on pond) boating esp. all types of boat towed sports and sailing as the cove is a key and critical turning area

It is a hazard to navigation, in an already crowded area, for passage in and out of the pond, N/S in the pond and exit from the N end of Pond.. It is a major hazard to navigation for night usage of the pond and passage even with lights and markers.

It is a total obstruction to the safety of a lee shore in case of a disabled boat of person in the water because the usual winds are southerly on to the cove. I know this from experience

It will limit severly sailing small boats as this is a critical, key track from the N to S end of Pond

This is one of the few remaining areas in the entire system where sailing is possible. It is usualy down wind S to N and a beat N to S where open water is needed.

Frequent and variable use of area is very likely to drive out any Osprey from the nest. Ospreys stay because they are there when we are.

It is a critical shelter for waterfowl as it protects for 180° N-E-S

It is a bad location for at least all the above

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From: john c. o'connor <ronnocojohn@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 1:49 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: file number 2017-12-086

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I wish to object to the preposed application: of Mr. Perry Raso file number 2017-12-086. I live on the southern tip of Gardner Island. I feel the site of the preposed farm would have a negative impact. To allow the commercialization of this beautiful , serine and peaceful place would be against common sense.

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From:	todd corayer <tcorayer@fishwrapwriter.com>
Sent:	Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:41 AM
To:	Phil Capaldi
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Subject:	Re: Regarding 2017-12-086 Application of Perry Raso 629 Succotash Road

Dear Mr. Capaldi,
Thank you for objecting to Mr. Raso's comment regarding his desire to expand his shellfish business into public waters in South Kingstown's Segar Cove. While certainly it may be true that he has not seen anyone fin or shellfishing in the cove, his statement identifies precisely how little time he has spent in the area and how small his concern is for the public.

I can personally assure you, there is extensive recreational use of that area. Indeed, the cove is a well known by recreational fishermen and guides who bring customers into the area to target striped bass feeding on cinder worms during the warm months and regulars like me who fish that cove and surrounding waters as long as there is no ice. While typically I am hesitant to mention the cove by name in my weekly newspaper outdoors column, the area is discussed often with the addition of pictures of sunrises on the cove and fish caught right there. For reference, this picture was taken in May, 2017. That's a keeper sized striped bass, caught from a kayak, in Segar Cove.

I have personally witnessed people using boats to access that eastern edge to dig for shellfish. I have frequently, personally witnessed and enjoyed seeing two people slowly sail a small sailboat around the cove and mooring field. I have personally witnessed and enjoyed watching families race small boats around the pond, towing kids on skis and tubes. I have observed all this from my kayak as I fished the cove and pond. Perhaps Mr. Raso should have spoken with some of these users before he made such a statement to the State.

Mr. Raso's comments border on outrageous and speak loudly to how little consideration he has given to the people who sail, boat,

kayak and fish that cove. I question how someone who is applying to remove three acres from recreational use hasn't made the time to witness the area's myriad of current recreational and commercial users, especially when his other lease is just a few hundred yards to the east. Had he used the public access to the cove at the end of Lake Avenue, the one adjacent to a mooring field full of small boats, he would have observed more than a dozen kayaks, skiffs and inflatable boats beached among the reeds, stored by people who use the cove and pond for recreation. At bare minimum, he could have performed a simple search of Google to see videos of people fishing the cove, in both daylight and at night.

Perhaps Mr. Raso's application should be postponed until he makes time to more properly observe the cove and those who enjoy it. Perhaps his application should be denied for his lack of due diligence before asking to take three acres away from public use to enhance his personal business.

Thank you for your time,
Todd Corayer

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---- On Wed, 24 Jan 2018 19:06:31 -0800 **Phil Capaldi** <philcapaldi@yahoo.com> wrote ----

Before the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.

Dear Members of the Coastal Resource Management Council,

I am writing regarding CRMC File Number 2017-12-086 Application of Perry Raso 629 Succotash Road , Wakefield RI, 02879. (Potter's Pond - Segar Cove location)

In the application section (10) it states "I have seen only a occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease which will not be impeded if the lease is granted. I have never seen anyone fishing or shellfishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area."

Since 2011, I, along with many other experienced recreational fisherman, have kayaked fished in both Segar Cove and Sycamore Cove. The desired time to fish these locations is in the spring. Early May to be exact. The

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 7:34 AM
To: Lisa Turner; Anthony DeSisto
Subject: FW: C.R.M.C. aquaculture lease #2017-12-086

From: todd corayer [mailto:tcorayer@fishwrapwriter.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 5:40 PM
To: dbeutel
Subject: C.R.M.C. aquaculture lease #2017-12-086

January 24, 2018

Dear Mr. Beutel,
Please accept this letter of opposition to the C.R.M.C. aquaculture lease application number 2017-12-086.

My concerns and reasons for opposing the application are four-fold: siting, timing, restrictions and expansion.

In my estimation, the siting of the proposed lease is completely inappropriate. Segar Cove is a wonderful piece of salt pond used extensively by recreational fishermen, boaters, sailors, clam diggers and kayaking families with no agenda other than exploration. Throughout the summer, Segar Cove comes alive with polychaete cinder worms (Nereis limbata), drawing in schools of striped bass and small boat guides with sports who chase them. Spin and fly fishermen enjoy some of South County's best backwater fishing in the cove and surrounding waters. There is clearly economic and emotional benefit from these largely passive users with no harm to the cove.

It is my belief that allowing a commercial business, which already controls a large, seven acre lease on Potter Pond, to overtake three acres of Segar Cove will jeopardize access to and use of, historic recreation areas.

The application's timing is unhelpful and suspicious. South County, especially the Matunuck and Potter Pond area, receives important economic benefit from so many seasonally rented homes. By holding a public comment period during the winter, out of state homeowners and their renters are likely aware of this proposed business expansion. Countless people would return to the surprise of three acres buoyed off and covered with gear and workers, which they had historically enjoyed without the noises and visual concerns of a highly labor-intensive commercial operation. From my own communications, it has become apparent there are several landowners, whose property either abuts the immediate shoreline or overlooks the cove, who were unaware of this application. If the applicant has a real desire to work with all users of the pond, public notices and hearings should be postponed until clarifications of all possible ramifications are better disseminated.

The gear type is exclusionary. If the applicant is allowed to deploy suspended and floating gear, that area is effectively removed from historic and existing users of the cove. Having some experience in shellfish aquaculture and having owned farms thoughtfully constructed to allow for other users, including fishermen both recreational and commercial, quahoggers and kayakers, it would appear this proposed combination of gear will likely consume the entire water column. That would be completely counterproductive to protecting public use of the pond. The type of farming also calls into question what effect increased boat traffic from ferrying workers back and forth and large scale bio-fouling removal will have on that water column, substrate and benthic organisms.

Because bay scallops, which the applicant proposes to grow, are non-communal in nature, using lantern nets or similar vertical grow-out gear to make the most efficient use of the water column may render it inaccessible and unusable to recreational users. Leases may be written to allow for other users but demands of the bottom line can usurp carrying capacities and promises of shared use. If the water is to be covered with floating plastic bags, similar to the ones I have seen lost from the applicant's other

lease and tangled in shoreline vegetation, will the surface also therefore be inaccessible? If so, that would be unfair and unacceptable. Being "allowed" to carefully paddle along narrow lanes between rows of plastic bags would hardly constitute shared use.

Approval of this application opens the proverbial door to expansion. The applicant's current lease and shoreside businesses already affect water access and state road passage. While your office may not agree to connect East Matunuck residents and travellers enduring nights of flashing blue police lights in front of the applicant's restaurant or neighbors' repeated concerns about business activities on his land at the top of Potter Pond, to this particular application, I find a direct correlation to his expanding footprints at the expense of neighbors. Combining those realities with the applicant's plans to again expand his shellfish business to the eastern side of Succotash Road, there is no guarantee that the applicant will not request further expansion in this cove, further eroding traditional uses.

By agreeing to site a floating business in Segar Cove, I believe C.R.M.C. will be favoring the financial motivations of one entity over the historic, existing and largely passive recreational uses of this cove while unfairly segregating public waters and substrate for the benefit of a single business, which has already largely removed seven acres from recreational use. At the risk of sounding bias, I find current uses of Segar Cove far more important than one person's business plan.

As shellfish aquaculture gained momentum more than a decade ago, there were strict siting stipulations to prohibit a young industry from trampling the public's use of public waters, based on the state's history of allowing large scale commercialization and privatization of Narragansett Bay. Siting a lease in this cove, which C.R.M.C. has designated as "Low Intensity Use," would be, in my opinion, counter to the best interest of the public. While some ecological and financial benefits of shellfish farming are becoming apparent and farmers are enjoying a bit of limelight in a welcome resurgence of "green" businesses, allowing this expansion will

come with an unacceptable and unjustified cost to those of us who wish to continue using and enjoying a special backwater piece of Potter Pond.

Thank you for your consideration of my objections.

Sincerely,

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RE: Public File: 2017-12-086

To Whom it May Concern:

The intent of our brief note is to express our opposition to the application of Mr Perry Raso 629 Succotash Road Wakefield. Mr. Raso intends to add to his shellfish enterprise in Potters Cove by opening at least a three acre operation in the Segar Cove area.

We have lived on Palmer Island Matunuck for forty five years. Our three children were raised on and in Potters Pond. Now our ten grandchildren leave from our dock to kayak, canoe, row, paddle board and sail. Segar Cove has a water depth that allows grandkids to row over, anchor and cool off with a swim. It's also a prime location for water-skiing and tubing.

We are not strangers to the Matunuck Oyster Bar and Mr Raso's success story. His business plan, hard work and Potters Pond all allow him to ship his product outside of Rhode Island. This is not a boutique operation. This is commerce.

Mr. Raso's application represents that point where utilization of a resource becomes exploitation. We ask CRMC to deny Mr. Raso's application, and we request a hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Brien
Diane O'Brien

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to state my opposition to the proposed application and request a hearing on this matter.

My family has had a boat in the pond every summer since at least 1960. Myself and my children spend the summers in Matunuck and fish, clam, crab, waterski, sail, paddle and swim in the pond.

The proposed location will significantly interfere with the public access to and or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore. The proposed location is a prime location for catching blue crabs as well as quahogs. Installing the oyster farm will inhibit access to that location.

The proposed location will also significantly conflict with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, and navigation. All summer long, boaters heavily use the entire pond for recreation. Installing a 3 acre farm will inhibit the ability of waterskiers to safely circumnavigate the pond during heavy use summer weekends. During the summer, the pond is full of powerboats, paddle boarders, and sailors. When there are three or four power boats going in circles pulling waterskiers, wakeboarders and tubes in addition to sailboats, and paddlers, limiting the area they have to navigate is a recipe for disaster. The proposed farm will infringe upon the public use of this body of water.

Sincerely,

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Re: File # 2017-12-086 Expansion of Oyster Farm in Potter's Pond

Dear Members of the CRMC:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed expansion of the Oyster Farm in Potters Pond. Adding 3 acres of Oyster Farm to Segar Cove will:

- Significantly impede recreational activities like fishing, boating, kayaking, paddle boarding , wind surfing, canoeing, etc. by reducing space on the pond
- Impede bird and other wildlife by forcing recreational vehicles closer to their habitats
- Disrupt scenic views with expanded cages and racks and the like visible above water

We consider ourselves to be "Top Customers" of Matunuck Oyster Bar, indeed it is one of our favorite restaurants, and we applaud Perry Raso's success and wish his business continued expansion and growth, however, this growth cannot come at the sacrifice / disruption of our Pond and community.
We have been Matunuck Point summer residents since 2004 and have a strong allegiance to our neighborhood and our Pond.
We strongly urge the CRMC to decline Mr. Raso's application for Oyster Farm expansion on Potter's Pond.

Sincerely

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Subject: Request for Hearing
File No. 2017-12-086
Proposal for 3 Acre Oyster and Bay Scallop Farm

To Whom It May Concern,

We are requesting a hearing to discuss concerns about the subject application.

As homeowners on Segar Cove (288 Prospect Road), we are concerned about the impact of the proposed project on the recreational use of the cove which will restrict navigation and access to the proposed area. Segar Cove is a very active area for boating, water skiing (including tubing, wakeboarding, etc.), kayaking, swimming and fishing. The implementation of the proposed plan will greatly restrict usage and create a potential safety hazard by minimizing the available area for safe boat operation.

Please note the use of Segar Cove is not limited to local homeowners, but is enjoyed by the surrounding Matunuck community, as well as many boaters accessing Potter Pond through the channel from Point Judith Pond. Approval of the application will have an adverse effect on recreational activities within the cove.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Turner

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Subject: FW: Lease application no.2017-12-086 Perry Raso's application for Segar Cove

From: Elizabeth Candas [mailto:cecandas71@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 8:57 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Lease application no.2017-12-086 Perry Raso's application for Segar Cove

Dear Mr. Beutel,

There has been a request by Mr. Raso to expand his aquaculture operation to a sweet little cove in Potter Pond. Segar Cove is used by many residents in the late spring, summer and fall. Actually, it is one of the few places residents can go to water ski or do tubing. It is also where many fish, quohag and just hang out on the nfai.

This is not a good place for Mr. Raso to expand his business, it would take away the use residents and summer people and renters have of the Cove. I am a small business person in town and understand the need to expand, but there must be another area that would not take away the pleasure that so many residents and tourists have in our lovely town of South Kingstown.

Taking away the use of this lovely little cove for the use of just one person is really unfair. Please try to work with Mr. Raso in finding another sight for his business expansion

Sincerely yours,
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RE: Public Notice file: 2017-12-086: Perry Raso Potter Pond

Dear Members of the CRMC:

We are writing to earnestly oppose the above application of Perry Raso to establish a new 3-acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove on Potter Pond.

Carol's family has owned property on Potter Pond since 1947. John and Lorraine have lived on the pond for more than 25 years. When Mr. Raso was originally given the right to install an oyster farm on Potter's Pond the racks were below the surface and there was little disruption to our view and use of the pond. Now, with the expansion of that farm, the racks are above the water; they are unsightly and make it impossible for us to navigate the pond with our kayaks, sailboards, paddleboards and small crafts. It is also disruptive to the habitat of wildlife in the area. The egrets, swans and other beautiful birds that used to use that part of the pond are now forced to other areas.

In addition, we can see the racks from the shore as grids of piping and other materials are often left protruding above the surface of the water, so our view is of acres of industrial matter, not of scenic salt pond waters.

The new "farm," as described in the application will be a repeat of the one already in use on Potter Pond. We believe it will limit the use of the pond for boating, tubing and other recreational activities. Many boaters, not just those that have docks nearby, use that part of the pond. We know it will be unsightly because the present farm is unsightly, turning our natural beauty into an industrial site.

We write to ask that you DENY this application. We support a return to a natural setting for wildlife of the sea and the air to coexist with us. We oppose the expansion of another area of the beautiful and serene pond into an industrial facility to be used to better the business interests of one party while destroying the view, property values, use of the waterways and the habitat of the wildlife in the area.

Respectfully,

John Phillips

Lorraine Phillips

Carol Kalfian

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Respectfully,

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Re: Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the referenced application.

My family owns a home with a dock on Seaweed Cove. We boat daily in Segar Cove in a variety of ways. We use the cove for skiing, tubing, sailing, stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking. Because of the amount of seaweed in (the aptly named) Seaweed Cove, we also drive our boat in the deeper Segar Cove to clear out the prop and plane out. I am extremely concerned that the proposed oyster farm will infringe upon our rights to use this public space.

We use the 3 acres in question for all of these activities. It may seem like an out-of-the-way area to people who do not use Segar Cove regularly but I promise that shoreline area is an essential component of all kinds of boating and will severely curtail our ability to enjoy the cove overall.

We have a "fleet" of a half dozen water crafts and entertain more than 50 friends and family members at our house regularly throughout the summer. We all object strongly to this overt restriction of our boating enjoyment.

Therefore, I request a hearing to voice our opposition.

With kind regards,

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

I am writing on behalf of our entire family to object to the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish another large oyster farm in Potter Pond, and to request a hearing.

Mr. Raso's existing farm has already grown into a large area that impacts boating traffic if there is more than one boat passing at the same time. I like to take my rowing scull out on the pond in the shallow areas where I won't impede bigger boats which must use the deeper part of the pond, but the existing oyster farm makes that difficult. Another farm in another cove will just add to the difficulty.

Seger Cove is used for skiing, and swimming, and for pulling children on floats. It is an area we use often. Any impediment to water sports there will seriously impact the neighborhood. I wouldn't want to live near an oyster farm. The workers spend a lot of time boating back and forth to harvest the "crop" and it is no longer a quiet, beautiful spot to kayak or to go clamming. We saw a boat in the pond last year that appeared to be taking "tourists" out to look at the farm! Is this a side business?

My family has owned a house on Seaweed Cove for over 35 years, a 2 Peninsula Road. We do not want our scenic pond to be turned over to someone who is impacting the beauty of our pond so he can make money from it. Please do not allow any further reduction of this beautiful space for the financial benefit of one business. It would be a disservice to all of us who spend our summers there.

My e-mail address is harvsharon@yahoo.com, and you can leave a message on my telephone at 860-210-0413.

Regards,
Bill, Sharon, Melissa, Seamus, and Jared (Koehl) Harvey, and Kimberly, Rory, Richard, and Ollie Carr

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TO: CRMC

FROM: Scott Latham

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298 Prospect Road, Matunuck (owned by my mother)

SUBJECT: CRMC Application / Public Notice File # 2017-12-086 dated January 3, 2018

Dear Coastal Resources Management Council Members:

I write to oppose the application referenced above seeking to establish a new three acre oyster farm in Segar Cove of Potter Pond and to request a hearing.

First, I would like to highlight some basic facts. Our family has been on Potter Pond for three generations. My grandparent's house at 298 Prospect Road in Matunuck now owned by my mother, overlooks both Segar Cove and the existing seven acre shellfish farm that is operated by Mr. Rasso. Our family, our friends and neighbors grew up on the Pond and during the summers would water ski, go tubing, learn to sail, windsurf, kiteboard and fish. The shallow part of the Pond was ideal for a number of activities when we were children because we were able to stand up. Quahogging, clamming, drifting across the flats spearing eels or catching blue crabs was best in flats around the eel grass. It was also ideal for windsurfing and kiteboarding because of the expansive shallow water which satisfied our parents' concern for safety if we fell. In addition, there was no real boat traffic in this area of the Pond because of its depth. The water skiing and tubing were taking place in the deeper water of Segar Cove and in "Third Cove" as we called it which is the portion of Potter Pond closest to RI-1 where I now own a home at 117 Succotash Road and Mr. Rasso is one of my neighbors.

The exiting shellfish farm which started quite small and inconspicuous has expanded over the years and is now very visible and takes up a significant portion of the flats where the shallow water is. At some point the shellfish farm anchored a barge there to allow for the expanded operation to more efficiently process the oysters. It has definitely become a very visible commercial operation that has changed the Pond. In addition, Mr. Rasso has a second commercial operation that he operates on the dock of his home which was converted to a farm and oyster operation much to the chagrin of his immediate neighbors who have had to deal with the noise of running oyster tumbling equipment. Mr. Rasso also was hosting weddings and social gatherings on land that I believe he leased from the land trust. It caused a great deal of tension as his immediate neighbors dealt with the traffic created by the hordes of lost people looking for the weddings. The loud music became another issue to deal with often playing until 10 PM. The success of Mr. Rasso's oyster farming business also fueled the success of the Matunuck

Oyster Bar. The restaurant's success has caused severe traffic issues on Succotash Road which has resulted in dangerous conditions on a road not designed to handle the amount of traffic trying to access the east Matunuck public beach, Jerusalem beach, Captain Jacks, and The Oyster Bar and Marina. This will only get worse as Mr. Rasso expands his business interests. In short, he has had the most dramatic negative impact on the quality of life on Potter Pond and Succotash Road. He has benefited at the expense of many.

Crabbing, water skiing, tubing, recreational fishing, sailing, jet skiing and swimming all take place in the area all summer long. Because of the depth of the water in Segar Cover and the subject area's location removed from the channel of ingress and egress this area is heavily used. In 1998, when Perry was harvesting shellfish just feet away from our family and neighbors' docks and for all the years he claims to have seen "only an occasional paddle craft" he saw the same activity that everyone that has spent time in Segar Cove witnessed. It is used a great deal especially on weekends and everyone knows this. I encourage looking into this in greater detail because the facts are quite different than those in the application and if all homeowners in Segar Cove were aware of the application, which was not well publicized, the objections would be many. You can all see it for yourselves if you come to Segar Cove over this summer. Perry has a pontoon boat that could facilitate a first-hand viewing of the real facts as he is assuredly aware.

The town and the state must recognize that the property values of all owners abutting these expanding commercial operations are being impacted. If there is a conscious move on the part of the State of RI, the town planners, and the CRMC to abandon the residential taxpayers in favor of commercial aquaculture operations then the high taxes residents have been paying to enjoy living on Potter Pond and other coastal estuaries, should be reduced to compensate for the taking that is occurring due to the expansion of commercial aquaculture.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Latham

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From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: REVISED Letter Objecting Application File # 2017-12-086
Attachments: Public Notice Response.docx

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
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From: **Jane Enos** <gjenos@verizon.net>
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Thank you for your thoughtfulness in reviewing this REVISED letter objecting to additional shellfishing in Potter Pond. The enclosed letter has been edited and includes a request for a hearing regarding this application.

With Appreciation,

Jane Keane Enos and Gary Enos

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We can be contacted via cell at Gary at 401-450-2089, or Jane at 401-529-5542
or via email at gjenos@verizon.net.

Regards,

Gary Enos and Jane Keane Enos

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From: Jane Enos <gjenos@verizon.net>
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Subject: Opposition to application file # 2017-12-086 of Perry Raso

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January 2, 2018

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Regards,

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File # 2017-12-086/ Perry Russo Seger Cove expansion

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File # 2017-12-086
CRGM CRMC

Deb and Terry McCurdy
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We (Deborah and Terrence McCurdy 264 Prospect Road, Wakefield, RI 02879) would like to object, request a hearing and express our concerns with Mr. Russo's expansion of 3 additional acres in Potter's Pond (File # 2017-12-086). The proposed altercation will result in significant conflicts of water-dependent uses as we use the portion, as well as the rest of Potter's Pond for recreational boating, swimming, navigation, and commerce. We are enjoying our grandchildren and fourth generation utilizing Potter's Pond. We use this portion of the pond for boating (kayakers, rowers, sailing needs this area to be safe when the pond is busy with power boats), swimming (safe area for all people to jump in for a swim without fear of watercraft accidents as well as all people having the right to swim, fish and clam there). We use this area to navigate around other watercraft as well as using this area to get to get to a safe landing in case of disabled watercraft. The public can enjoy getting a meal there as well as commercial fisherman as this area is abundant with shellfish, eels that produce a small income for people.

We feel that this expansion will interfere with the ability of all persons to enjoy the bountiful beauties of what our pond offers. As I write this email, I am looking out my window where Mr. Perry is proposing his expansion, and what I see a place where people swim, waterski, clam, fish, kids tubing and laughing as they fall in the water, this will end if he is allowed to expand and prosper his business. Where he is now and has grown to cover a large area, people who clammed there for years no longer can; people who kayak, sail and rowed over there, no longer can So our rights to the public waters have already been taken away on that side of pond. What many of us thought was going to be a small area to farm has turned into a huge mass of public area we can NO longer use. Seems to start off with just an acre or two and next thing we know we (The Public) have lost our rights to use the pond for boating, swimming, and feeding our families. We also have noticed more residual seaweed, mesh and pipes littering the shore and we pick it up and toss away what does not belong in the pond on a regular basis, so why do we do this because we Love the pond and want to keep it pristine for ALL people to enjoy. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Deb and Terry McCurdy

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February 1, 2018

To:
Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)
4808 Tower Hill Rd.
Wakefield, RI 02879

RE: File # 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear CRMC:

We hereby voice our objection to the above referenced proposal and request a hearing on this topic based upon our belief that the proposal negatively impacts quality of life on the pond for both people and wildlife – thereby creating circumstances which should legally disqualify the Raso Application. We are vested in this issue as our property is in direct view of the proposal and sits directly west of the proposal on the west shoreline of Segar Cove. In fact, our property is situated just north of the "west view" picture which abuts our dock. It seems all "view pictures" were conveniently framed to omit the signs of human life which exist directly on the border of such frames.

As to "Category B" requirements not proven to be compliant:

(1) "Demonstrate the need……." Applicant has not demonstrated any "need" for the product in its application and applicant has not demonstrated any "need" for this specific location-Segar Cove.
(2)
(3) "Describe the boundaries…." Applicant reply is incorrect on many points. We believe 3 acre area is *not* removed from boat traffic and *does* impede the navigational channels. We believe lines and cages *will* interfere with boat traffic and we believe the "adjacent shoreline" *is* a recreational attraction. We derived these findings from living exactly in the closest proximity to Applicants proposed site. In simpler terms, we live right there and respectfully disagree, based upon facts derived from daily observation, not opinion.
(4) "the shellfish ….." Any movement on proposed platform and/or nearby creates and affects currents in manner which, over time, *will* affect/redirect deposits and potentially create erosion due to the disturbance in the natural wave patterns created by proposed structures and related activities.
(5) "Demonstrate that the alteration…." Applicant has not demonstrated whatsoever that wildlife will not be displaced by his platforms and workers and the music and

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noise and aquatic disruption they bring with them despite their good intent. The burden is on the applicant and he has not met this burden.

(6) "Demonstrate that……." Applicant is not correct as navigation courses *will* be affected by the proposed site structure and gear.

(7) "Demonstrate that…." Any movement on proposed platform and/or nearby creates and affects currents in manner which, over time, *will* affect/redirect deposits and potentially create erosion due to the disturbance in the natural (currently existing) water flows/patterns created by proposed structures and related activities.

(10) "Demonstrate……" It is clear that this requirement cannot be met based upon current activities on the pond such as boating, waterskiing, tubing and more. Applicant's observations as to "only an occasional paddlecraft….." is incorrect as boaters from all corners of Potter Pond, along with boaters and shell (and non-shell) fishermen from other (non-Potter) locations frequent this area.

(11) "Demonstrate……" Applicant states incorrectly that "…..gear …positioned…….out of direct view of any homeowner on the pond." This is impossible as his entire operation will be 100% visible from our property.

Thank you for reviewing our objections. We look forward to your reply and a decision based upon adherence to the law.

Andrew Wilkes

Jean Wilkes

BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
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Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: **File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond**

We are writing in opposition to the above-referenced application by Perry Raso to establish a three-acre oyster farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond. My wife, Miriam, and I live at 26 Segar Court and have lived at this address since 1996. We have truly enjoyed Segar Cove during such time. The fact that it has calm and shallow waters makes it a perfect location for recreational boating, kayaking and paddleboarding. We have a dock and a Boston Whaler, both of which we use during the summers. We also have a kayak which our grandson uses for fishing and recreational purposes. We have marveled over the years at the increasing number of paddleboarders and kayakers who come to use and enjoy Segar Cove. Joining us in our opposition to Mr. Raso's Application is our daughter, Melissa O'Neill Thatcher, and her husband, Dr. Gentry Thatcher, who have purchased the lot next to us.

The proposed Raso Oyster Farm will unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore;

We have reviewed the Raso Application and strongly believe that the proposed oyster farm will significantly infringe upon public access to and use of the recreational water space in Segar Cove. The farm would violate public use in that it would effectively reduce Segar Cove from a place where people paddleboard, kayak, fish and boat to a commercial aquafarm for the sole benefit of Mr. Raso. Response #3 to Category B Requirements in the Raso Application states that the proposed "3-acre area of Potter Pond is removed from boat traffic." This statement is inaccurate. Segar Cove is used by kayakers and paddleboarders on a regular basis during warmer weather months.

The proposed Raso Oyster Farm will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation and commerce;

Response #10 to Category B Requirements in the Raso Application indicates that the proposed 3-acre area "will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation and commerce." While Mr. Raso correctly states that the area does not have significant shellfishing or fishing, he fails to acknowledge that his proposed activities will significantly conflict with water-dependent activities in the Segar Cove area. Given the shallow depths of the water in that area, it has been an ideal waterway for the paddleboarders, boaters and kayakers that regularly use the area. An additional 3-acre oyster farm on top of Mr. Raso's current oyster farm in Sycamore Cove will significantly reduce the available waterway for recreational boating, paddleboarding and kayaking.

CONCLUSION

We respectfully request a hearing on the Raso Application, which should be denied so as protect the limited, available waterways for recreational use of the residents and taxpayers of Segar Cove and surrounding areas. Mr. Raso already operates a significant oyster farm in Sycamore Cove, reducing available

recreational common use areas. His private, business activities should not be allowed to further expand so as to unreasonably interfere with public use and enjoyment of Segar Cove by residents. Please do not allow the limited waterway in Segar Cove to be further reduced for the financial benefit of Mr. Raso.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Public Notice File: 2017-12-086

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the referenced application to establish a new three acre oyster and bay scallop farm in the Segar Cove section of Potters Pond.

My late husband (Gene) and I purchased our property at 56 Ninigret Avenue in Matunuck Point back in 1976 as a vacation home / summer residence and have enjoyed over 40 years of wonderful spring, falls and summers with our family at Matunuck Point. Potters Pond has always been the focus of our on-the-water activities as my family has enjoyed fishing, clamming, crabbing, windsurfing, paddleboards and all types of boating over the years. I also own a shared property directly on Seaweed Cove (93 Peninsula Rd) with a Dock to allow easy water access and boat storage, therefore our interest in preserving Potter's Pond is extremely important.

Creating an oyster / scallop farm in Segar Cove will significantly reduce the area within the cove that is suitable for recreational water activities. While Potters Pond includes many acres of water, most of the areas are restrictive due to shallow depth, no-wake zones due to docks, excessive eel grass or are just too small to navigate safely. This leaves only two of its coves (Segar and the large cove at the northern most end) suitable for water activities. If you examine the shape of Segar Cove, the southwestern and northern sections are narrow and shallow, making them unsuitable for on-water activities. This leaves only the middle area of Segar Cove for recreation, which is exactly where the proposed farm will be located. Placing an oyster / scallop farm in Segar Cove will **unreasonably interfere with, impair, and significantly impact existing public use of these waters** which means this proposal does not comply with CRMC's legal criteria.

Over the past decade, we have watched Mr. Raso's current oyster farm in Potters Pond continue to grow and grow. What was once a small, almost hard to see surface expression, has turned into a massive unsightly industrial area stretching across the southern clam flats of Potters Pond. This has restricted the communities use for crabbing, clamming and shallow water activities such as kayaking and small "sunfish" type sailboats. The community has already conceded a significant portion of Potters Pond to Mr. Raso and giving up additional areas to create another unsightly, restrictive, industrial collection of floats, docks and commercial harvesting equipment is unreasonable and contradicts CRMC's regulations.

I urge the CRMC to disapprove this application as it will result in **significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation** and request a public hearing be scheduled on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alda C. Hackney

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Janis and Alan Loiselle
218 Peninsula Road
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January 25, 2018

Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
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Wakefield, RI 02879

RE: Public Notice File: 2017-12-086

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For 32 years, we have enjoyed our home abutting Potter's Pond. We were not opposed to the original oyster farm/aquaculture business established by Mr. Raso. While it did limit the recreational, boating, quahoging opportunities within the area, it was a good symbiotic relationship. However, as years went on, the beds enlarged, became somewhat more unsightly and became more visible. This began to infringe on all uses of the pond. Again, however, we wanted to be good neighbors with the Matunuck Oyster Bar and support this limited aquaculture. Our understanding was that this would be the ONLY impact and could be accepted.

This application to affect Segar Cove, however, will have additional significant impacts that cannot be ignored. Segar Pond is one of only two deepwater areas in Potters Pond. These areas are the only places that are large enough to comfortably use for tubing, sail boating, water skiing, and other activities. In addition, the area supports a variety of wildlife that would be adversely affected by the increased traffic from the workboats and constant travels through the areas required for maintenance and harvesting of the beds. This would be even before the beds expand, rise and become more visible, as noted above.

Therefore, we strongly request that you DENY this proposal. If a hearing is to be held, we request that it be held when residents in a summer community might be available to testify.

Sincerely,

Janis E Loiselle Alan Loiselle

Janis and Alan Loiselle

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January 23, 2018

TO: CRMC

FROM: Linda Loiselle and John Lee

RE: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

My husband and I would like to formerly object to the proposed 3-acre oyster farm in Segar Cover, Potter Pond put forth by Mr. Raso, and we would like to request a hearing. We have been frequent visitors to these ponds for over 25 years and were fortunate enough to recently buy into a family property on Seaweed Cove, near the current oyster farm. We are boat owners (two boats), avid paddlers, as well as owning four kayaks. We have direct access to the ponds through our dock, quahog frequently, and make year-round use of this beautiful recreational space.

Potters Pond and the surrounding coves are an ideal location for all types of recreation. The proposed oyster beds would limit these activities in Segar Cove, one of the only deep-water coves in Potters Pond. Additionally, the proposed beds appear to be directly adjacent to nests often used by Ospreys. We, along with many other visitors, closely watch these birds each season.

While we did not oppose the original oyster beds, and are happy at the success the Matunuck Oyster Bar has achieved, boats and paddle boards cannot clear the current beds, limiting access to this space and the activities highlighted above; we simply do not feel an expansion is appropriate. We hope you will limit further commercial expansion of Potters Pond and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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RE: Public Notice File 2017-12-086

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not approve the proposed oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

As you know there are very limited areas of Potter Pond that are deep enough for water skiing and small sail boat navigation.

Further limiting water surface available for these activities detracts from the recreational community value of this body of water.

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RE: Public Notice File: 2017-12-086

To CRMC:

We are writing in opposition of the application of Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road, Wakefield, to establish a new three (3) acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond and request a hearing.

We are also very disappointed at the lack of meaningful communication on the decision to grant Mr. Raso the approval for the additional 3 acres in another location.

Matunuck certainly shuts down in winter with our population shrinking considerably, so when you chose to make your decision when many who use this cove are not here, that demonstrates a of lack of transparency and fairness to us. We did not find out until mid January, and we live in Segar Cove. Many of our Cove residents are not around. We did not hear of anyone being notified by mail. This is very disingenuous.

While there are many issues with Mr Raso's proposal, to us the largest issue is this: in all the water that is in Pt Judith and Potters Pond, there are only two places where it is relatively safe to water ski and tube. They are both in Potters Pond. #1. is in Segar Cove where Mr. Raso wants his new additional 3 acre farm to go, and # 2. is in the larger Perch Cove - where he lives. In Segar Cove often there are two or three boats skiing at same time, safely. With that 3 acre farm sticking out so far, it would be very dangerous to ski more than one boat at a time - having two boats coming toward each other is too dangerous. Why take away one of the only two areas that many use for water sports?

In our family,we have 3 adult children and 8 grandchildren, with friends and beaus, who use our cove. We have two motor boats, 4 kayaks and a canoe on our dock. We also occasionally fish and clam and swim in Segar as do others.
We are not unique. Our cove is used by many who do not live on it - as well as those who do live around it.

We also have concerns about cleanliness - the constant raising of tens of thousands of oysters in the same area - do they defecate as all living creatures must? Over time, what are the consequences of wastes for those using the pond. Has the scientific community weighed in?

We saw somewhere in Mr Raso's application that he?? has "only seen an occasional paddle craft nor has he seen anyone fishing or shellfishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area." We sure have. When the worm hatch occurs in May or June, our cove is loaded with kayakers and boaters fishing and stays active well into the late fall. Same with quohogging - the rocky shoreline where the proposed new farm is a spot that people boat into and rake into shore - both commercial and recreational .

A lot of people used to rake where Mr Raso's current 7 acre farm is. When Mr Raso and CRMC blocked out 7 acres for his current farm, many pond users re-routed their kyacking over to the wetlands, and others found other places to clam or quohogg. I don't recall anyone wanting to disrupt his oyster business. Most, if not all, have tried to be respectful of his farm. Could his current farm be expanded since he is there anyway?

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Reference: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

I am writing in opposition to the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new three-acre oyster and scallop farm in Segar Cove.

I oppose this application for this oyster farm primarily on the safety concerns it makes for a small cove with any already large number of recreational water vessels. I have a 19 foot Boston Whaler moored in this cove and my family enjoys taking the boat out in the cove as often as we can. I also have 3 paddle boats and 2 kayaks that myself and my children spend many hours in this cove. By my best guess, there are already 25 to 30 power boats on Segar and Seeweed cove on a space that many be less than 150 acres. This would now be 10 acres of space the recreational water vehicles cannot use.

I have 3 children who all actively use the pond for recreational activities. My parents started summering in Matunuck in the 30's. My father was one of 10 and he had 10 children, so I have 5 other Cooney families that summer in Matunuck. I bought the house at 147 Park Ave 2 years ago and plan to have a large family gathering over the 4th of July. I would image all my water vessels will be in the water throughout the day…..along with the many other power boats, paddle boards, kayaks, jet skis and sail boats from other families. Losing 3 acres in a location where many kayakers and paddleboards go will cause many of these non-motorize boats to now be in harm's way of the power boats. This, on top of the existing 7 acre farm, limits recreational boating activities and could lead to unnecessary injuries from boating accidents.

I have great respect for Mr Raso and the thriving enterprise he has built. However, I don't feel the town or the Coastal Resources Management Council should jeopardize the safety of its residents and grant approval of this application. At the least, I request the town hold an open public hearing to hear and discuss the concerns.

Sincerely,

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Reference: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Summering, during my childhood years, on Potters Pond was very special. Having water to sail, power boat, water ski, row and quahog in was formative in my life.

There was a sailboat class known as Matunuck Point Scow that was designed to sail and race in the shallow waters of the quahog flats. We learned to sail in these.

The coves were large enough, in particular Segar Cove, so we could water ski and perfect our slalom techniques while others were doing the same.

Times have changed. ---- Now my boat is docked at Ram Point and access to Potters Pond is significantly reduced. A restaurant on the waterway connecting Potters Pond with Salt Pond has installed a large dock and ties up work boats. This has effectively closed the navigable north side of the channel (we called it the GUT). This now requires us to squeeze the docking area on the south. Here the channel is about the width of a small outboard and very tricky to navigate.

Also we can no longer sail, row or quahog in a significant area of the quahog flats because the restaurant owner has been granted use of the area for a quahog farm.

Potters Pond is not Salt Pond or Narragansett Bay. It has limited waters for pleasure boating. Allowing additional areas for quahog farms will significantly impact and limit the use of these waters by those who live around the pond and those of us who navigate in the pond.

Please reject the application for quahog farm expansion into other areas of Potters Pond.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Lynch

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Ref file No. 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived at 500 Sycamore Lane since 1998. My property abuts Potter Pond but not Segar Cove. I am opposed to this application for a 3 acre oyster and bay scallop farm. I believe it will unreasonably interfere with, impair or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore. I also believe the proposed use will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such a recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation.

My husband and I own 3 kayaks and have a dock. At our ages we do not kayak anymore but children, grandchildren and friends do kayak in the pond and enjoy exploring the coves, such as Segar Cove. I believe many of my neighbors on Segar Cove have docks and enjoy regular boating activities.Because of limited access Potter Pond is particularly attractive to small boat use - kayaks, canoes, rowing shells and paddleboards. Any commercial use of Segar Cove would negatively impact these activities.

I am requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

Patricia D. Moore

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To whom it may concern:

File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application

I have clammed and quahogged in the proposed area for all my life. There are abundant beds of quahogs there. Over the years, I seen many commercial fishermen using bullrakes in this very area.

I have a 15' boat with a mooring in Seaweed Cove. I bring many people through that area, as it is one of the few areas that you can drive a boat at full speed.

I've known Perry Raso for many years. I both like him and respect the hard work that has made his business the great success it is over the years. I supported his previous application. Having lived in Matunuck all my life, I felt that his present farm would not infringe on hardly anybody's right to enjoy this pond. However this present application is in deeper water, which would impede enjoyable navigation.

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Reference File Number 2017-12-08 , Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To All Members of the Coastal Resources Management Council:

I was born and raised at Matunuck Point and continued to live there for fifty years. My family, relatives and friends have had, and continue to have, the wonderful opportunities to swim, water- ski, canoe, sail and quahog on this pond. In fact I remember my father back in the 1940s, after a day on the pond, bringing home crabs, and quahogs for all of us to enjoy! This pond including the Flats are a public water way to be used and enjoyed by All who wish to do so!! It is not a property to be used for the financial gain of ONE.

Bare with me for one minute so you can understand that by giving on person sole rights to a public area infringes on all others. My son was sailing along in the Flats, not close to the designated oyster- farm presently located on Potter Pond, when he was yelled at and threatened to move away from the area. He was not near the beds but sailing within the Flats, open to all to use, or so we thought! Will this happen in Segar Cove? Will they threaten someone who is water-sking or sailing there because they perceive them to be to close to their oyster-beds. They do it now, so what is there to stop them from doing it in Segar Cove. Do you monitor these areas? Do you check that they have not expanded beyond the original area? I FEAR Not!!

As you can see the oyster-beds already on Potters Pond are causing conflicts with the public usage of this pond. If Mr. Raso is allowed to expand he will further impair the public use, access to, and the enjoyment of many types of recreational boating,

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swimming and other water activities. I want my grandchildren to have the wonderful opportunities that my children and I have to explore and use ALL of Potters Pond now and in the future.

I AM REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER!!

This pond is not here for the advancement of ONE PERSON'S goals but here for all to see it's beauty and to enjoy it's gifts.

Respectfully,

Margaret A. Lynch

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From: Gardner H. and Barbara C. Palmer
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Re: File #2017-12-086 Raso Application Segar Cove Potter Pond

We are writing to request a hearing on the above application to which we strongly object. Our family has been residents of South Kingstown since 1938 and have owned property at the above address since 1941. We are most concerned with the appropriation of a natural resource which should be open to all residents and not for the sole benefit of one person who will be using this area for commercial purposes with no benefit whatsoever to the rest of the population. Since Mr. Raso already has use of a large portion of Potter Pond, the addition of 3 ACRES seems beyond reasonable.

This pond is used in summer for recreational purposes, including boating, fishing, quahoging, swimming and other water sports by hundreds of people. Removing three acres in prime space will certainly interfere with these activities and could certainly create a dangerous situation for boaters and water skiing.

Property owners along the coastline of Potter Pond are not allowed to trim so much as a bush and when we wanted to install a new dock, we were made to jump through hoops by the CRMC. How is it that there has been so little public awareness of this proposal?

We are also concerned about the ecological effects of having this enterprise take over so much area of what is a beautiful natural resource—ALL of which should be available to the public. These live creatures must surely excrete waste products as Mr. Raso addresses the cleaning of the nets. What might he be cleaning from these nets if there is no waste product involved?

Please schedule a hearing on this matter and let us know when it will take place.

Respectfully submitted,

Gardner H. Palmer Barbara C. Palmer

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***Re**: File # 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond*
Objection and Request for a Hearing on the Proposal
Sent by regular mail, postage prepaid and email to cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Dear CRMC:

I am writing to object to the Raso application for a shellfish/scallop farm in Segar Cove. I have lived on the pond since 2010 and recently invested in an expansion of my home on the pond. While we are not year round residents at this time, we are full time spring to fall residents in our home on Seaweed Cove and plan to live here year round at retirement. During the spring to fall months, our family of six (6) utilizes Segar Pond on almost a daily basis; boating, waterskiing, jet skiing, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming, as Seaweed Cove is too shallow for most of these activities. While I appreciate Mr. Raso's desire to expand his business, I do not wish to see any further reduction in the use of Potter Pond for commercial use.

I firmly believe that the above referenced application which would allow additional commercial use of the pond would be a detriment to Segar Cove as well as to Potters Pond. I am objecting to the proposal for the following reasons:

In section 3, the description of the boundaries of coastal waters and land area that is anticipated to be affected, Mr. Raso contends that the proposed area is "*removed from boat traffic and, away from the navigational channel*". Additionally the application states that "*the long lines and floating cages would not interfere with boat traffic as there is no commercial assemblages of shellfish in the proposed area and no recreational attraction on the adjacent shoreline*".

I disagree with these statements and can attest that power and sail boats, paddle boarders and kayakers travel this section of the pond on a regular basis. Particularly, over the past several summers, I have observed an increase in the use of the cove by the public. In this section of the cove, this area has become very popular for water skiing and tubing, kayaking and paddle boarding. In fact, the reduced surface or "area of use" for the public means that the increasing use by the public will be further constrained to a smaller use area, creating increased risk of injury resulting from the ensuing congestion.

In section 6, the farm would interfere with the use and enjoyment of the 3 docks, if I am reading the statement correctly, that those using the docks would have to do so from the southerly section of the cove only. The application does not state how far north the proposed lease is from the navigational channel. Further, this area of the cove is utilized during the warmer months by the public on a daily basis for the recreational purposes as noted above.

Lastly, section 10 must address that "*the alteration or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce, and;*". I disagree that the proposed farm "is removed from boat traffic, away from the navigational channel" While the farm would not in the "navigational channel" as you pass through the *inlet* to enter the cove, I believe from the descriptions and photos, that it will interfere with boat traffic as boats pass into and out of the cove.

The deepest areas of Potter Pond are the cove at the northern most part of the pond near Perch Cove and Segar Cove. In fact, **these are the only two areas of the pond that are amenable to power boating, sailing, and water skiing and tubing due to the depth of the water.** The Raso application includes a map which details Potter Pond and its depth. The proposed farm would take up areas of the cove in depths of six (6) to eight (8) feet. This depth is critical to all types of boating and associated activities. To divert 3 acres of Segar Cove to commercial farming would substantially interfere and harm the public right to use the tidal waters.

In this section of the application. Mr. Raso references the 5% limit on coastal ponds for aquaculture. Potter Pond presently has 2.1 % of the surface area being utilized by his present farm. As an aside, when the present farm went it, it was quite a surprise to many of us who use the pond for recreational purposes. This was the area that we would go quahogging regularly because of the depth of the water and the good seafloor for clams. This area is also a prime area to paddleboard and kayak. I can state that the present farm did substantially interfere with the public right to use the tidal waters.

If the proposal is granted, the new farm would increase the ponds overall commercial surface usage to 3.1%. However, what will be the percentage of surface use of Segar Cove with the 3 acre farm? The 620 feet by 215 feet farm will certainly have a significant conflict and spatial constraint with water dependent uses such as recreational boating, fishing swimming, and navigation. Further constricting public use will be the harvesting barge that will enter and exit the area daily. Potters Pond has several narrow channels that require most boats to get up on plain to move thru the shallow areas; a large, slow moving harvesting barge routinely passing thru will create more public use interference.

In conclusion, the Raso application should be denied for the foregoing reasons. I am objecting to the application and *I am requesting a hearing* to voice my objection and reasoning. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding a hearing date. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

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Respectfully,

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Re: file #2017-12-086

Proposed Raso oyster farm

To Whom It May Concern:

Per your Public Notice dated January 3, 2018, I am writing to formally object to the Proposed Raso Oyster Farm and as well to request a hearing on Perry Raso's application for a three-acre (or any other size) oyster farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond file #2017-12-086.

My family has been at 298 Prospect Road going back to 1970. I strongly object to Perry Raso's contention that the farm will have very little impact on the recreational uses of Segar Cove. Easy to say for someone who has not grown up on the pond and can remember the days before the current farm. Our home sits on the tip of a point that has almost 360 degrees view. My parents grew up parenting us and watching us out on the pond, at the edge of the water in Segar Cove, in the water in Segar Cove, crabbing, clamming, swimming, kite surfing, sailing, water skiing, tubing, barefooting, kayaking, paddle boarding. I believe that in accord with legal opinions given, the main issue involved with putting a farm there is that this will result in alteration that unreasonably interferes with, impairs or significantly impacts existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and / or the shore. As well I am of the very strong opinion / belief that the alteration or activity will result in significant conflict with water dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce.

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My experience is that once you affect outdoor area like Segar Cove, with any kind of change from its natural state, adverse changes always come along with that change. A perfect example – we used to clam all summer in the site of the current oyster farm. We have not enjoyed that right since they put the oyster farm there. Not to mention there is no way to navigate through that with a paddle board, a sail boat or in small water craft to go crabbing, or site seeing.

Its already happened once. Its been, in my mind and in my opinion clearly a violation of law; an an infringment on our rights as owners around the pond for our rights to enjoy the pond and the public use of the pond. The current farm and another additional farm will most certainly interfere with, impair and significantly impact existing public access to or us of tidal waters and the shore.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Mark R. Latham

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REGARDING CRMC File Number 2017-12-086

Application from Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Project location Potter Pond, South Kingstown, RI

Dear Sirs or Madams,

I wish to request a hearing on the above CRMC File Number 2017-12-086.

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I own the property at 150 Prospect Rd, South Kingstown, RI 02879. My property sits on Segar Cove, I have owned this property since July 1, 1995. We have a registered dock on the property and a RI registered 18 Four Winns boat with a 150HP outboard which we use on a regular basis in the months of June through September on Segar Cove for water skiing, tubing and fishing and clamming. We also have two kayaks which are used regularly on these waters. While involved in these uses it in very often the case that others are on the Cove at the same time involved in the same activity and operating space is very limited. The operator and crew have to be extremely attentive to avoid a collision, the cove is not very large for all of these activities that occur simultaneously on many days.

While I recognize Mr. Raso's right to make this application I am somewhat surprised and honestly disappointed he has. To my knowledge our community in Wakefield has not objected to his initial application and subsequent expansion of his present operation in Potters Pond for commercial purposes in an area that does not disrupt other's enjoyment of these waters from their historical uses.

Many of us have been most supportive of his wonderful restaurant on Succotash Rd and I personally have referred visitors to my home to the facility. He is a unique individual in his development of the aquaculture industry in our state for which he is to be commended. Anyone who has seen him at his place of business readily realizes his outstanding work ethic and humble, pleasant personality.

All of this background is necessary to explain why I am disappointed about this application. This proposed Oyster Farm would essential eliminate much of the recreational activity that has been enjoyed by thousands of Rhode Islanders and visitors to our State since the time Matunuck evolved as a summer colony. I use this cove with my grandchildren to water ski,tube and fish and this proposed oyster farm

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location would severely impair much the water activities that take place in the restricted space of the cove.

With regard to Items (3) and (10) in the application I am in total disagreement with a number of assertions of Mr Raso concerning his responses to the site being "removed from boat traffic".

When one is using the cove for water skiing the natural swing of the skier from the pulling boat crosses directly over the area where the site of the farm is to be located .Due to the limited size of the cove this path is necessary. Also boaters entering the cove from the east, do to ongoing activity occurring regularly, drive to the north of the inlet again going directly over the site of the proposed farm. Kayakers and small sail boats cross the area on a regular basis when water skiing or tubing is occurring in the cove and if this farm were existing they would be prevented from using the cove simultaneously with water skiers.. To assert that this site "is removed from boat traffic "is either a misleading representation by the applicant of what occurs daily in the cove or ignorance of the daytime activities on this body of water.

Mr. Raso also indicates that he has "seen only occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease area" and while that may be his experience which I find hard to understand after 19 years of traveling this body of water that statement is factually totally untrue. One would only have to spend a day in the summer months to see small speed boats constantly pulling skiers and tubers in exactly the area of the proposed lease as well as jet skiers and sail boats. I've lived on this pond for 22 summers and I enjoyably watch all this activity from the deck of my home.

The assertion that " I have never seen anyone fishing or shellfishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area" may have been the applicant's experience , but again a factually untrue statement. Commercial diggers are always in the pond and in all locations and fishing occurs throughout the area at different times of the day. Because Mr Raso claims to have not seen these activities does not mean they have not occurred. As I've mention my deck has a full view of the area in question and I am at my home throughout the daytime on many days in the summer months and I do see these activities.

In Item 6 with regard to "demonstrate the alteration will not unreasonable interfere with, impair or significantly impacting EXISTING public access to or USE of the tidal waters…" I have the following comments regarding my disagreement with the applicant.

This existing historical public use of this body of water is recreational boating, kayaking, sailing, jet skiing, clamming and other similar summertime activities. Using measurements of 150 yards in one direction and 250 yards in another totally ignores the reality of the activity that occurs in this cove as boats swing about to pull their skiers or tubers , kayakers and sail boats ply the cove and avoid courses of collision with other activity ongoing. All the docks noted in Mr. Raso's response are the historical limiting items to the navigation on the cove presently tightening the navigational process for recreational activities.. The addition of the proposed farm would make it virtually a constant danger to continue these historical activities on Segar Cove.

In Item 11 with regard to "demonstrate that measures have been taken to minimize any adverse scenic impact " I have the following comment. How does the applicant intend to eliminate the view of the activity of the commercial workers maintaining the farm. The exisiting operating location on Potters Pond gives an indication of the experience of this farming activity. It is a significant distance from the nearest residence but this proposed facility will be directly under an existing home and in direct close view of

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many homes on the cove and the employee work process of this proposed facility will be within earshot of these homes. Mr. Raso's response to the question is hard to understand that the farm " will not be in direct view of any homeowner on the pond " and not supported by the reality of the exiting farm on Potters Pond which is in direct view of all who pass and the homes on the shore albeit at some significant distance unlike the proposed farm.

In conclusion, it is my belief that the decision before CRMC at this time with regard to this application is shall the existing historical activity in Segar Cove that is and has been enjoyed by many of our citizens and guests in our state from the beginning of time in this area as a summer resort be abandoned to allow the expansion of an exisiting commercial activity, to provide more product to its restaurant . This activity is not necessary to provide success or profitability to this enterprise as will be readily obvious with one visit to the location and the waiting lines to be seated. I submit the proper decision is to deny this application and advise the applicant to find other locations in the ponds along our southern shore line that do not take away others' rights and enjoyments The citizens that inhabit the homes that line Segar Cove pay significant property taxes because of their shore front location and they do not deserve to have a commercial operation at their shoreline.

I appreciate and respect that public bodies such as the CRMC are often charged with arbirtrating between the citizen's rights and business rights . I would submit that on this instant matter the scales tip decidedly in favor of the objector citizens since the applicant business has had significant prior approvals by this body to operate his farming operation on the Potter Pond body of waters. With all the options on the South County waterfront the committee need not take other's rights and enjoyment.

I look forward to appearing before the Council and appreciate the time and effort the CRMC and its members devote to protecting the environment of our State !

Sincerely

William V. Irons

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond
Resubmitted to comply with CRMC legal guidelines

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the application of Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road, Wakefield, to establish a new three-acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond (the "Pond").

While I have great admiration for the dedication that Mr. Raso has shown to the community, I strongly oppose a further reduction of the Pond's recreational water space, specifically that portion of Segar Cove.

Coastal Resources Management Program 300.1, Category B, Item 10 of the application states that persons applying for Category B assent must demonstrate the activity will not result in significant conflicts with water dependent uses and activities such as boating, fishing, swimming and navigation. I strongly object to the statement that there is only an occasional paddle craft in the Cove.

I grew up on Potter Pond and have owned a home in the Matunuck Point Beach Club for over 10 years, which includes deeded rights to Pond access. I have a mooring(F16) and an 18-foot Wellcraft and numerous kayaks and paddle boards. Because the Cove is deep with a sandy bottom and removed from navigational boat traffic, it is one of the only safe areas in the Pond for waterskiing, swimming tubing and sail boating. Our favorite activity in the summer is to tube and ski in that cove. All summer long, my family and friends come to our home specifically to tube and ski and rave about how much fun it is. They can't wait to come back and do it again. I learned to drive a boat and to waterski in the Cove and my children are now learning the same.

In utilizing three acres directly in the entrance to the Cove and allowing Mr. Raso to use the deepest portion of the Pond to farm, it would result in significant danger and a conflict with the water dependent use of all of the residents on the Pond, *specifically* recreational activities such as boating and swimming.

It is for this reason, I strongly encourage the CRMC not to approve Mr. Raso's application.

Very truly yours,

Christopher & Jennifer Erikson

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Margaret & Stephen Wilcox
480 St Francis Dr. Danville CA 94526
925-837-0114 mrbwilcox@aol.com

To Whom it may concern,
We are writing in opposition to the above-referenced application to establish a new three acre oyster and bay scallop farm in the Segar Cove section of Potter's Pond.

We purchased our home at 175 Peninsula Rd several years ago to be close to our Rhode Island family and provide a gathering place.
We prize the pond for its beauty as well as for recreational use. For us, that is kayaking and paddle boarding.
We have watched the expansion of the existing oyster farm and feel that it restricts our ability to use the pond.
An expansion of the oyster farm into Segar Cove will further impact our recreational activities both in the area of the farm itself and because of the increased commercial traffic which may conflict with our slow, man powered activities.

We believe the proposed project would violate the following CRMC requirements:

"the alteration will not unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore; and

the alteration or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce"

We strongly object to the referenced proposal and request that a hearing be held and the proposal be denied. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely ,

Margaret & Stephen Wilcox

Margaret & Stephen Wilcox

David, my name is Cody carpenter from carpenters farm in matunuck RI.
I am contacting you in regards to perry rassos proposal to expand into segar cove .
Myself (along with many other members of my family and community), Are against this proposal. I demand a hearing on the matter for the rights of many locals and supporters of the community who are against this proposal.
There is plenty of water elsewhere for him to expand, no need to take away from recreational users of this limited space as it is already, from members of the community ,along with generations of family's that have enjoyed this sacred piece of water we call home , for many more years than he had even been around.

Sincerely,
Cody M Carpenter
520 matunuck beach road
South kingstown, RI, 02879
401-741-2288

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:48 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Perry Raso Application for Segar Cove - No. 2017-12-086

From: Nancy Gates [mailto:nangates053@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 6:50 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Raso Application for Segar Cove - No. 2017-12-086

Mr. Beutel,

Please accept this email as notice that as a Rhode Island resident and homeowner, I am opposed to allowing this lease. I am a frequent user of Potter's Pond for kayaking, paddle boarding and boating. We need to keep these quiet areas free of buoys, netting, anchors, etc. for the recreational users who use small craft.

While I do support aqua-farming, sometimes enough is enough.

Thank you,

Nancy A. Gates
21 Twin Leaf Trail
Saunderstown, RI 02874

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: Carol Bell <rcmpsbell62@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 6:41 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Application #2017-12-086 Raso

Please vote against the above application. We have been on Potter Pond for 25 years and have enjoyed the use of the pond. Please do not take this pleasure away from us or any of the many residents who use the pond.

Thank you
Ron & Carol Bell
667G Succotash Road
East Matunuck RI

1/28/2018

TO: CRMC

FROM: Daniel A Calitri
292 Prospect Rd
Wakefield, RI 02879

File# 2017-12-086
RASO Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Good day

I personally oppose the Suggested Additional Oyster Farm in Potter Pond (Segar Cove) due to the fact that this structure will Hinder And Danger the Recreational USAge OF this Area which Has been Enjoyed for many many years. At this time there Already is A 7 ACRE Oyster Farm over on the Sand bar in the pond which pretty Much takes up the whole AREA And prevents People from Enjoying THAT SPACE which Folks Have Done For many years. I feel this is Enough Already with the Oyster beds in the pond. On Another note How do we Know what The Impact will be Having these farms Enviromentally. I personally Own And Register 3 water crafts in R.I. And in the Summe the pond is full. Oyster Beds in Segar Cove in my opinion Needs to be Denied.

Sincerly Daniel A Calitri

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Re: File Number: 2017-12-086

To Whom It May Concern:

I own a home located on the banks of Segar Cove, on land which my family has owned for more than four decades. We are very proud of our ownership of this home and we are very intent on protecting the environment within which our home is located.

As a consequence, I was very distressed when I just recently received a copy of the application submitted by Perry Raso seeking to expand a commercial venture in the waters of Potter Pond. My family and I believe that Potter Pond generally, including Segar Cove, should remain a recreational area available for the enjoyment of all local residents and visitors.

If Mr. Raso's application is granted, it will become more difficult to carry on recreational activities in the waters of Potter Pond. This would impose a significant limitation on our ability to enjoy our home. We have a principal residence in Washington, DC and come to Rhode Island to relax and enjoy the natural environment around our Rhode Island home. An important part of the enjoyment we get from our home on the shores of Potter Pond is the use of the water for recreational purposes. The installation of the equipment which Mr. Raso is proposing to place in the waters of Potter Pond will, of necessity, impinge on the ability of nearby residents to benefit from the Pond.

We also note that Mr Raso has conceded that his activities will have an impact on the scenic beauty of Potter Pond. He indicates that "measures have been taken to minimize any adverse scenic impact." This suggests that increasing Mr. Raso's commercial activities in the water will have an adverse impact on the beauty of the Pond, even if Mr. Raso will make some effort to minimize that impact. It seems to me that any adverse impact on the beauty of Rhode Island's natural resources should very simply not be allowed.

We strongly urge that you reject Mr. Raso's application. By doing so you will be protecting the environment and permitting the many residents who live along the shores of Potter Pond to continue to enjoy our Rhode Island homes and the beauty of the Rhode Island seashore. You will also be helping to insure that this beauty will be available untouched for generations to come.

If a hearing is to be held regarding this matter, I would respectfully request the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lisa S. Leval

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January 19, 2018

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Dear Sirs:

RE: File Number 2017-12-086. Raso Expansion of Oyster Farm in Potter's Pond

We request a formal hearing on the above file that asks for a 3-acre expansion of the oyster farm in Potter's Pond.

While the expansion may be beneficial for Mr. Raso's business, it will further disrupt our joy of boating, fishing, clamming, swimming and kayaking throughout the pond. And we are but one family of hundreds. I wonder if you and Mr. Raso realize how much the Oyster Farm has already restricted the recreational use of Potter's Pond?

There is surely money to be made by Mr. Raso from the expansion that may bring in new revenue to the town and state. But at what a loss to all the other people who've treasured a once-unrestricted use of this pond?

The bottom line: This expansion will benefit one man's business. But it is not neutral for everyone else ... the loss of complete access already has injured many who live and vacation here.

In short, to have another area of Potters Pond become primarily a manufacturing zone instead of a leisure area is heart-breaking. A plan to siphon off more regions of the pond for commercialization is something that must first be widely debated and discussed.

Thank you for allowing those of us who've long loved the pond to have a voice in how it will be used.

Sincerely,

John & Cynthia Larned

John W. and Cynthia R. Larned

Additionally, it was wonderful to see that David Flanders Chair of the SK Conservation Committee wrote a letter to Grover Frugate, executive director of CRMC stating that the Conservation Committee was NOT in favor of granting the lease.
I have attempted to attach Mr. Flanders letter, but, it may be in a non MS word format.
I will copy and forward to all by tomorrow.

From: Colleen Camp <ccamp@southkingstownri.com> on behalf of Robert C. Zarnetske <rzarnetske@southkingstownri.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 4:47 PM
To: wirons39@cox.net
Cc: bob.hefner@hotmail.com; Colleen Camp
Subject: FW: Perry Raso Application

In response to your inquiry about the Town's communications with CRMC regarding CMRC application number 2017-12-086 , please find the two written communications that have been sent from South Kingstown.

As to whether Mike Stach will attend the CRMC meeting to discuss the application's potential impact on recreational boating on Potter Pond, it is my understanding that per its regular procedures, CRMC will not hold a public hearing on the application unless a member of the public protests the application on or before February 2, 2018.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Robert C. Zarnetske
Town Manager
Town of South Kingstown
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Wakefield, RI 02879
(401) 789-9331 x1201

From: Theresa Murphy
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:12 PM
To: Perry Raso
Cc: Dave Beutel; Douglas McLean
Subject: RE: Waterfront Advisory Meeting on Thursday, November 2nd

Perry,

This was an item that was on the November Waterfront meeting agenda, however, there was not a quorum present so the meeting could not be held. By the time the WAC met on December 4th, it was beyond CRMC's formal deadline for comments on the Preliminary Determination notice.

There were no members of the public at the December Waterfront meeting however, three residents attended the meeting in October: Peter Conopask, Zenas Bliss, and Thomas Browning – all of whom expressed opposition to proposed expansion.

The Commission meets again on Thursday, January 4th at 7pm at the Guild. If you would like to be on the agenda in order to address them directly about the proposed expansion, just let me know and I would be happy to add it.

Thank you,
Terry

Theresa L. Murphy, CPRP
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From: Perry Raso [mailto:perryraso@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Theresa Murphy
Cc: Dave Beutel; Douglas McLean
Subject: Re: Waterfront Advisory Meeting on Thursday, November 2nd

Terry, I would have loved to have to have know this was going to be an agenda item at the meeting as it greatly impacts me and I would have been able to address questions and concerns by the committee.
Were there opposers present at the meeting? If so how were they notified?

Many protected areas have agriculture occurring on the actual properties. Why was the proximity of the farm to protected land is viewed as negative by the committee?

Having lived in Segar cove for 6 years and continuously being on the pond for decades, I have seen very little recreational activity over the years in the proposed area. The area was chosen primarily because of the lack of use experienced in that area. What recreational activities were said to occur there? Has any of the committee members actually seen recreational activity in that area?

Did the committee members describe what negative impact the farm would have on neighbors?

Respectfully,

Perry Raso

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 12:51 PM, Theresa Murphy <tmurphy@southkingstownri.com> wrote:

> Dave and Perry,
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> This email is on behalf of the South Kingstown Waterfront Advisory Commission.
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> As a follow up to the Preliminary Determination process re: P. Raso's proposed expansion of aquaculture, the South Kingstown Waterfront Commission was unable to convene a quorum in November, prior to the deadline for comments. That being said, they did discuss it as an agenda item at their meeting on December 7, 2017. They understand that the motion and comments are not on the final preliminary determination report but wanted to place it on the record of their meetings and share with you.
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> The following motion was unanimously approved 7-0:
> "Though we are not in objection to aquaculture in South Kingstown ponds, we object to this proposed expansion as it would result in negative impact on recreational activity, is located too close to the shoreline where a conservation easement exists, and would have a negative impact on private residences located along the shoreline."
>
> Thank you,
> Terry
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> Theresa L. Murphy, CPRP
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From: Dave Beutel [mailto:dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Theresa Murphy; Douglas McLean
Subject: RE: Waterfront Advisory Meeting on Thursday, November 2nd

Is the Waterfront Advisory Committee going to submit comments on the Raso preliminary determination application? I would like to complete the determination soon. Thank you.

David Beutel
Coastal Resources Management Council

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REGARDING CRMC File Number 2017-12-086

Application from Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Project location Potter Pond, South Kingstown, RI

Dear Sirs or Madams,

I wish to request a hearing on the above CRMC File Number 2017-12-086.

My name is Robert F. Hefner

Email address is bob.hefner@hotmail.com

Phone number 401 332 9931

Mailing addresses: October 1 May 31 8080 Tiger Lily Drive, Naples, FL 34113

June 1 to Sept 30 231 Sycamore Lane, South Kingstown, RI 02879

I own and reside at 231Sycamore Lane, South Kingstown, RI 02879. My property abuts Potters Pond on a cove often referred to as Segar Cove. We have a registered dock on the property and a RI registered 21 foot Hurricane boat powered with a 150 Yamaha outboard which we use daily on Segar Cove during the summer. We also have two kayaks, one row boat and two jet skis which we also use on the Segar Cove.

Some of my concerns…

Mr. Raso's answers to items 3, 6 and 10 are not true.

I know his answers are untrue because I live on Segar Cove with complete view of the proposed lease site specified within the above file number and I continually observe the number and frequency of power boating, swimming, fishing, clamming, water skiing, power boat pulled tubing, paddle boards, kayaks, sail boards, small sail boats and row boats that ply all the areas of Segar Cove.

Specifically…..Item 3. Mr Raso answered, the lease area is "removed from boat traffic". While it may be north of what he calls a "navigation channel" (I know of no "navigation channel" so I guess he means the channel opening from Segar Cove to the other portions of Potter's Pond) the area most certainly is NOT REMOVED FROM BOAT TRAFFIC. I use it all the time as do the kayaks, fishermen, sail boats, etc listed above.

Boat traffic flows thru the proposed lease area all the time ESPECIALLY for water skiers and younger children being pulled in tubes by powered boats. Additional users come from boats on all the docks on

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Segar and Potters not just the three docks mentioned in the north part of Segar as well as from boat owners who lease moorings from the town of South Kingstown in the South portion of Segar Cove as well as the mooring field in Middle Cove. (I have contacted the SK Harbor Master Michael Stach to get the total number of leased moorings. His email is harbormaster@skpd.com and phone number is 401 641 0620 , perhaps he can help you with the question about recreational usage on Segar). All the powered boats from the two SK town moorings fields use Segar Cove. All the dock owners in Middle cove and Deep Cove, They use Segar Cove. Two Town of South Kingstown roads (Lake Ave and Park Ave) terminate on to Segar Cove. Residents of those streets and all the surrounding streets store canoes, kayaks ,etc etc on the town's right of way and they use Segar Cove all summer long.

Item 6 "demonstrate the alteration will not unreasonable interfere with, impair or significantly impacting public …use of the tidal waters…"

Mr Raso again states it is removed from boat traffic. This is in fact another mistruth. Boats of all kinds, as well as clam diggers, kayaks etc etc (see above for various recreational users) utilize the proposed area of the lease. Mr. Raso's comment about the narrowness of the lease not causing issues or problems is very much incorrect.

IN FACT NARROWNESS is indeed one of the major issues with this lease. This lease , while it may be narrow in MR Raso's mind) will dramatically narrow Segar Cove's safe turning radius for power boats, and place water skiers and tubers into dangerous contact with his floating cages, lines, ropes, buoys, as well as the docks on the west side of Segar Cove. Additionally, it moves non powered sailing, paddling, rowing swimming activity to the middle of the Cove putting them more in harms way of powered boats. If this lease is granted it will only be a matter of time before a serious to fatal boating accident occurs. This very area of Segar is currently the safest area and perhaps the only area, for such powered boat turns. To diminish the width of this area by granting this lease would be dangerous to the point of negligence.

See below for my estimates of how the lease will dramatically reduce the width of Segar and thus cause safety issues for recreational users.

Item 10. "demonstrate…..will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation…"

Mr Raso's answer is stunningly false. His reply "I have lived and worked on the pond continuously for the last 19 years and over those years I have seen only a occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease…I have never seen anyone fishing or shell fishing …in the proposed area".

This is a terrible untrue and patently false. That area is teeming with all of the activities Item 10 lists as potential conflicts and the lease will in fact not only make conflicts but will make Segar Cove a dangerous area for recreational users. Most, if not all, property owners or recreational users of Segar will negate Mr Raso's answer. One person's recollection of the volume of traffic should certainly not be taken at face value. Property owners on Potter's pond, as well as mooring leaser owners, and recreational boaters disagree with Mr Raso's recollection.

I know Mr. Raso and have had respect for him up until now, however, his answer to this question is so incorrect that I feel that all his other answers to the questions in the application are now questionable as to their accuracy.

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The proposed area of the lease is one of the few areas on Segar where a power boat pulling a skier or tuber can safely make a turn under power and protect the skier or tuber from coming too close to the shore and the docks in the area. The leased area will greatly diminish the width of Segar and make any power boat turn much more dangerous. It will also force unpowered craft to the middle of the Cove putting them more in harms way of powered craft. The fact that the application indicates a dock is located 350 feet from the edge of the lease should send up a red flag on the danger this lease would present to power boats pulling tubers or skiers.

In closing, this lease should not be granted in the area of Segar Cove so designated within the FILE number above. Mr. Raso's answers to items 3, 6 and 10 are not true. Boating and all other recreational usage in the proposed lease is heavy and frequent. Narrowing Segar Cove at this point will create danger and hazardous conditions for recreational users.

If a CRMC decision on the volume of recreational usage and the dangerous conditions that may occur because of the narrowing of Segar Cove, how will you determine whether it is heavy as I and numerous others say, or non-existent as Mr Raso states? How will CRMC come to its decision as to who is correct? In the absence of anything other than "he said, I said" shouldn't we table this application and have CRMC undertake a study during May thru Sept of 2018 on activity levels and then make the decision. The property owners and recreational users of Segar Cove certainly deserve at least a decision based upon actual usage facts.

Sincerely

Robert F. Hefner

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8080 Tiger Lily Drive, Naples FL 34113 (October 1 to May 31)

P.S I spoke by telephone today with Michael Stach Harbor Master South Kingstown, 401 641 0620

Harbormaster@skpd.org. Mr Stach told me that Mr. Raso's replies to items 3,6 10 are not accurate and that there is a large amount of boating traffic in the proposed area. As a non voting member of the Water Front Commission he has shared that info with the Commission and that info should appear in the minutes of the FEB 1 2018 Commission meeting. Please contact Mr. Stach to confirm the inaccuracy of Mr. Raso's replies concerning recreational boating in the proposed lease area.

I am attempting to calculate the width of Segar Cove, however, I am having difficulty with the scale shown on the maps in the filing. Shouldn't scale be clearly noted on these supporting documents? I note that Mr Raso conveniently omits the West Coast line of Segar cove on his larger depiction of the lease field which would more clearly show the narrowing of the Cove and allow for a more accurate calculation. I also question if the pencil drawn lease area identified with with a pencil drawn arrow on the

map displaying all of Potter's pond is correct in scale. (Does not CRMC require EXACT survey and map information on all documents submitted with an application, especially when public safety is impacted).

However assuming Segar Cove is 1,000 feet wide at the point of the proposed lease I subtract 320 feet from that 1,000 feet (i.e. lease starts 45 feet from east shore, is 250 feet wide and uses a barge that is anchored on the west edge of the lease that is 25 feet wide. That would leave 680 feet remaining. However, there may be much less since the application states that there are two docks, one on the east side and one of the west side that are 150 yards from the end of the lease. That would narrow the Cove to 350 feet in width.

I am attempting to find the US Coast Guard or the appropriate agency that provides guidelines on safe distances water skiers and tubers should stay away from docks and other obstacles such as those the proposed lease would introduce to Segar Cove. (i.e lines, crates, buoys, submerged cables, ropes, floating apparatus etc). One book says skiers should be 100 feet away from docks / obstacles and another says 150 feet. If 100 feet is accurate a powered boat pulling a skier or tuber would have only 150 feet to make a safe turn, at 150 foot safe distance from lease area to dock, a boat would have 50 feet to turn. Assuming the above estimates are correct this lease would effectively eliminate recreational skiing and tubing in Segar Cove and make non power boat usage much more dangerous as they are forced into a more narrower area with the powered boats.

I am sure someone at CRMC can make the above calculation about reduction in turning radius for powered boats with skiers or tubers as well as provide guidelines for how far a skier should maintain a distance from hazards such as docks, rocks, shore area, and the ropes, floating cages, cables work barges associated with an Oyster Farm.

January 23, 2018

TO: CRMC

FROM: Linda Loiselle and John Lee

RE: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

My husband and I would like to formerly object to the proposed 3-acre oyster farm in Segar Cover, Potter Pond put forth by Mr. Raso, and we would like to request a hearing. We have been frequent visitors to these ponds for over 25 years and were fortunate enough to recently buy into a family property on Seaweed Cove, near the current oyster farm. We are boat owners (two boats), avid paddlers, as well as owning four kayaks. We have direct access to the ponds through our dock, quahog frequently, and make year-round use of this beautiful recreational space.

Potters Pond and the surrounding coves are an ideal location for all types of recreation. The proposed oyster beds would limit these activities in Segar Cove, one of the only deep-water coves in Potters Pond. Additionally, the proposed beds appear to be directly adjacent to nests often used by Ospreys. We, along with many other visitors, closely watch these birds each season.

While we did not oppose the original oyster beds, and are happy at the success the Matunuck Oyster Bar has achieved, boats and paddle boards cannot clear the current beds, limiting access to this space and the activities highlighted above; we simply do not feel an expansion is appropriate. We hope you will limit further commercial expansion of Potters Pond and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Loiselle

Linda Loiselle & John C. Lee

Mailing Address: 69 Ogden Street, Providence, RI 02906

Phone: 401-487-1186

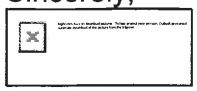
vmllaljcl@yahoo.com

Matunuck Address: 218 Peninsula Road, Matunuck, RI

The objection is tied to Objections: Reference 1.1.4 Category B - G. Substantive Objections (formerly 110.3) c. 5 "scenic and/or recreation values.

Certified letters to CRMC staff will follow prior to the deadline.

Sincerely,



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From: RISAA-Kayak@yahoogroups.com [mailto:RISAA-Kayak@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of David Pollack
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 11:46 PM
To: RISAA Kayak Committee
Subject: [RISAA-Kayak] May 18 Outing at Potter Pond

The Cinder Worms have begun their annual emergence, and with some decent warm weather should be popping up at Potter Pond by May 18. I have never fished Potter Pond for the cinder worm emergence, in part because of the difficulty of access, but we have solved the access problem by arranging for launching and parking at Wakamo Park resort. Jim Barr is familiar with the pond (as are others of our number) and we will be fortunate if he can make it to this outing.

We will meet in front of the ShoreLine Realty office, 697 Succotash Road in South Kingstown (opposite Captain Jack's restaurant). You will be able to drive down to the launching area, and then return to park your vehicles in the Shoreline parking lot. If that lot is full, parking across the street, especially if you plan to have a bite at Captain Jack's, should be available.

I plan to be at the Shoreline parking lot by 4 PM, and to launch by 5 PM. If you arrive after that, unload your kayak at the ramp, park, and then launch and look for kayaks on the pond. It's difficult - impossible - to predict with certainty where the worms will pop up, but look for sea birds and swans. Absent those signs I will paddle North. A Google Earth shot of Potter pond is being sent under separate cover.

I am very excited about this outing. Our first outing was a real "ice breaker" and the second was blown away by the weather, but this one should have much better weather - and I love fishing for stripers during the famous Rhode island worm hatch!

Please let me know whether you plan to attend, so that I will have a rough idea of how room we will need for our vehicles.

cc Art Ganz
Richard Sartor
Janet Coit
Conservation Law Foundation

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767 TDD 401-222-4462

January 23, 2018
Dave Beutel Aquaculture Coordinator
Coastal Resources Management Council
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Dear Mr. Beutel,

I am writing in reference to the Public Notice request by Perry Raso for a three-acre scallop and oyster farm using floating and suspended gear. (File number 2017-12-086). The proposed location for this site is in waters approved for shellfish harvesting located in Potter Pond shellfish classification area GA10 harvest area 6P in the town of South Kingstown .

The classification of shellfish grounds is an ongoing process based on the principles of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. The Department of Environmental Management assumes no liability by the leaseholder for changes in classifications that may restrict or prohibit access and/or harvesting from said lease area. While this site currently has an approved classification for the harvesting of shellfish, extraordinary circumstances (i.e., large amounts of rainfall, hurricanes or oil spills) could temporarily halt such harvesting and prohibit work on said lease. If approved please include the following language that CRMC and DEM previously agreed to as a stipulation:

> Aquaculturists in areas where emergency shellfish closures have been enacted will be allowed access to their leases for the purposes of preparing for and planting seed and when extreme weather could result in loss or damage of gear to conduct necessary maintenance/retrieval of their equipment. All other activities on the aquaculture lease, including but not limited to the harvest of shellfish, will remain prohibited until the water quality is acceptable to allow for harvest. Aquaculturists seeking permission to access their lease during an emergency closure must seek authorization by contacting Dave Beutel, CRMC's aquaculture coordinator at 783-7587.

The applicant should be aware that at the 2017 ISSC conference, changes were adopted to the model ordinance relating to floating aquaculture gear. The proposed changes are under review by FDA for final approval and inclusion in the next model ordinance update. The changes adopted at the ISSC conference include a requirement that aquaculture gear that attracts birds or mammals to the extent that their waste presents a human health risk shall have a written operation plan. While not yet a requirement, please advise Mr. Raso of this pending requirement and encourage him to consider methods to deter waterfowl attraction.

In the effort to address increasing water temperatures and the potential threat of a Vibrio Illness outbreaks we are asking all lease holders to monitor water temperature at their lease site and keep records of actual temperatures of bottom, surface and at the depth waters where the shellfish are being grown during the Summer months (June-September). If this project is approved, please include this request in your aquaculture approval document.

Paul Lorance (180 Ocean Ave Wakefield, RI 02879)
101 Surrey Rd
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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Our family has owned the property on Potter Pond since 1941.

The entrepreneurial success of Mr. Raso is to be praised. The expansion of the restaurant, the annexing of the marina, the funding of local farming has created an enterprise that has put Matunuck on the map.

Mr. Raso has addressed the traffic and parking problems at the restaurant and the fleet problem by expanding.

However, this success is expanding farming to a point that is conflicting with the recreational use of Potter Pond. The acreage devoted to oyster farming is blocking use of the shallow banks around Potter Pond for canoe, small sail boat and kyak use.

The once scenic pond view is now clouded with industrial skids harvesting the oysters. These barge is anchored at the oyster farm during the rotation of the oyster bags and during the harvesting.

By expanding into Segar Cove, this farming process will be further challenged by the deep water channel that will divide the existing farm from the proposed 3 acre addition. The harvesting skids will have to motor across the channel and into the deep Segar Cove to reach the shallows. Power boats and skidoo type craft will be at conflict with the new traffic flow as it attempts to cross this channel and reach Segar Cove.

I request a hearing to present these legal issues with Mr. Raso.

Regards,

Paul Lorance

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Re: **Public Notice File: 2017-12-086**

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in opposition to the referenced application to establish a new three acre oyster and bay scallop farm in the Segar Cove section of Potters Pond.

We purchased 100 Peninsula Rd in 2006 and reside there full time throughout the summer months, and part-time through the rest of the year. We have a dock on Potters Pond and make extensive use of our powerboat, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboat in Segar Cove (while enjoying the local wildlife as well; there is an Osprey nest directly adjacent to the proposed oyster farm / work area).

We applaud the success of Matunuck Oyster Bar and support the current use of Potters Pond for oyster farming. However, we have noted expansion of this activity over the years, which has somewhat restricted paddleboarding and kayaking, and are concerned that continued expansion will further hinder the recreational public use that makes this area such a prized location and destination.

Segar Cove is one of only two deep water areas in Potters Pond where power boats and sail boats can freely navigate (both areas are very popular for tubing and water skiing). The proposed oyster farm expansion would significantly hinder use of Segar Cove for this purpose. As this would become a work area, the increased traffic through the narrow entrance to Segar Cove would further restrict the public's use.

We believe the proposed project would violate the following CRMC requirements:

"the alteration will not unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore; and

the alteration or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce"

We strongly object to the referenced proposal and request that a hearing be held and the proposal be denied.

Sincerely,

Edward and Carol Wrobel

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RE: Public Notice File: 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in opposition of the application of Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road, Wakefield, to establish a new three (3) acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond.

While we enjoy the Matunuck Oyster Bar, and admire the aquaculture business that Mr. Raso has established, we strongly believe that no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space should be permitted. Every year there is an increasing number of paddle boarders, kayakers, sail boaters, motor boaters and anglers competing for the recreational use of these ponds, and specifically, that section of Segar Cove.

Anyone with firsthand knowledge of Potter Pond knows that there are only two areas where the water is deep enough for boats to anchor for swimming, tubing, waterskiing, and for sail boating. One area is the largest of the coves nearest Route 1 where Mr. Raso owns a home, and the ***only*** other area is the section of Segar Cove where Mr. Raso has proposed his newest farm. All other areas within Potter Pond have either eel grass that extends to the surface (Sycamore Cove), are too populated with docks and boat traffic, or are too shallow (3 feet or less) to be viable for these purposes.

Having owned property directly on Potter Pond since 1970, we have seen many changes; most of them positive. However, prohibiting the use of any portion of Segar Cove for all who live on or otherwise enjoy Potter Pond for recreational use to the benefit of one business would be a tremendous disservice to our entire community.

We strongly encourage the CRMC NOT to approve Mr. Raso's application and formally request that a hearing be held on this matter.

Sincerely,

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DATE: January 20, 2018

FROM: Marilyn Mattera mamattera@verizon.net

TO: Dave Beutel :crrmc,ri.gov

RE: Potter Pond Aquaculture Bedding Application Public Notice File Number 2017-12-0086 RASO Application

PLEASE NOTE THAT I AM STRONGLEY OPPOSING THIS APPLICATION AND REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING

I am a resident and taxpayer in South Kingstown. There has come a time that we have to balance business and recreation on the Pond in Segar Cove. For over 70 years I and my children and grandchildren have been able to crab, quahog, sail ski, kayak, row and swim off our boat in that area. The pond on the other end has moorings so boating and activity in that area is not accessible. This is why the section at Segar Cove is vital and accessible to all residents' summer and winter.
The present 7acres of land already designated for this aquaculture bedding has taken over areas where the public could quahog for years. I am asking that application be denied, due to the fact that there is a sharing of the waterways and ponds already all around Rhode Island that has impacted public use.

The Aquaculture Bedding is very active in and around many ponds and waterway in RI. I believe Costal Management has to begin to access how much of the ponds and water ways are granted before we the private citizen lose their wonderful freedom and access to the water

THERE DEFINETLY WILL BE AN IMPACT ON EXCITING PUBLIC ACCESS AND USE AND WILL ALTER ACTIVITIES FOR REACREATIONAL USE AS STATED ABOVE.

PERRY RASO HAS DEVELOPED A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO MATUNUCK BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, BUT I FEEL WE NEED A BALANCE FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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Reference File # 2017-12-086
RASO Application Segar Cove

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Raso has applied to start a new Oyster Farm on Segar Cove in Matunuck, RI. I am sad to hear that this farm may not only disrupt the calmness, beauty and tranquility of one of RI most beautiful and untouched coves but I am more concerned about the danger this may cause for boaters, skiers and swimmers in the area.

I have been going to Matunuck for over 40 years now every summer. My two young daughters have now been going to Matunuck for over 14 years, its our family's "second home". Our family has a sailboat, motor boat and kayak which we use for all sort of recreational purposes every single day. We enjoy using kayaks to go from one end of the pond to the other exploring different areas over and swim from one end to the other quite often.

I fear that having another oyster farm in this area will disrupt was is known as a peaceful and beautiful part of our town and more importantly will cause great danger to our kids swimming skiing, kayaking, sailing and tubing in the area. Most boats circle around the perimeter of the pond while watching for recreational users ski or tube in the middle of the pond. The entire pond is used almost 100% of the time, especially during the summer months. A farm on the perimeter anywhere around the pond will absolutely destroy the comfort, we as a family have, of letting our children roam freely all over Potters Pond without worrying.

I would really appreciate it if you would reconsider your placement of this Oyster Farm. Having something like this will disrupt so much that makes this area so beautiful and so serene for many of us who like to spend our summers in Rhode Island. I would hate to tell my daughter's that they will no longer be able to swim, sail or kayak across the pond because we need to "farm" oysters that can be done somewhere else, somewhere less disruptive to those of us who have enjoyed the pond for over 40 years.

If you need to reach me, please feel free to e-mail me at jessdocweidknecht@yahoo.com or call me at 720 470 0049. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

With sincerest gratitude,

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TO: Coastal Resource Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Road #116
Wakefield, RI 02879

FROM: Mary-Lynn Hedison Flynn
172 Ocean Avenue, Wakefield

DATE: January 20, 2018

SUBJECT: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

I am writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new 3- acre oyster farm in Segar Cover, or anywhere else in Potter Pond.

I am a summer resident of Matunuck and my family has owned our home on Potter Pond for more than 60 years.

As an avid kayaker and stand-up paddle boarder, I strongly believe that no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space should be permitted. As it is, I have to be careful how and where I go in the main channel of the pond because of Mr. Raso's ever expanding oyster farm there.

I kayak in Segar Cove often and every year there is an increasing number of paddle boarders, kayakers and boaters who compete for the recreational use of these ponds. Further reduction of this space would be an extreme disservice to the residents and taxpayers of South Kingston for the financial benefit of one business. Our waterways are not for profit or sale.

I also find it egregious on Mr.Raso's part that he would approach CRMC in the off-season when many Matunuck Point residents are not on premise. If it were not for the President and Secretary of our Matunuck Point Association, most of us would not have known about this matter and therefore, would not have had the chance to share and voice our opinions .

Please do not allow any more commercial expansion of this already limited estuary.

Regards,

Mary-Lynn Hedison Flynn

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Reference: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

I am writing in opposition to the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new three-acre oyster and scallop farm in Segar Cove.

My family has spent summers in Matunuck for more than fifty years and has enjoyed countless hours of recreational activity in Potter Pond each summer since our cottage was purchased in 1968.

While we respect the restaurant and aquaculture business that Mr. Raso has built, we strongly believe that no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space should be permitted. The number of paddle boarders, kayakers, jet skiers, sailors and power boaters competing for the recreational use of these ponds is increasing every year. Any further reduction of available waters for these activities would be an extreme disservice to the residents and taxpayers of South Kingstown for the financial benefit of a single business.

We own a 19-foot powerboat that is docked in Segar Cove, a Sunfish sailboat and several kayaks which we use exclusively in Potter Pond and Point Judith Harbor. For many years, we were able to sail and waterski throughout Potter Pond. Since the existing seven-acre oyster farm was created, there has been significantly less area in the pond to enjoy for such activities. We fear that taking another three acres out of the pond for aquaculture will have a similar adverse impact on our access to such recreational activities.

We request that you hold an open public hearing for citizens to discuss their concerns about the proposed application.

Sincerely,

Matthew Carey

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Joseph & Kathryn Scott
45 Peninsula Rd
Matunuck, RI. 02879

To: Coastal Resource Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Rd
Wakefield, RI. 02879
Ref: File # 2017-12-086 Raso application Expansion of Oyster Farm in Segar Cove/Potter's Pond

Dear CRMC Members,

We are writing to you in opposition to the application above, to increase the acreage of the oyster farm operation in Potters Pond.

For 20 years we have lived in Matunuck and have enjoyed boating and kayaking on Potters Pond. The original oyster farm was placed in an area that our family used to go clamming. Originally it was all below the surface and rarely visible, you could kayak over the area. Now it is clearly visible and appears they have added cages, increasing the height.
The Segar Cove area is one of the few areas that are deep enough to go boating and swimming without hitting eel grass. I would not want to see any of this limited recreational area, reduced any further. We have (3) kayaks and we enjoy using Segar Cove when we go on family kayak trips in Potters Pond. We believe that our public access to this natural resource should not be restricted for the benefit of any business.

I request there be a hearing, where concerned tax paying citizens can voice their opinions.

Sincerely,
Joseph Scott & Kathyrn Scott
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Subject Public Notice File 2017-12-086

I am opposed to the application of Perry Rasso to establish a 3 acre farm in Segar cove. I have been on Matunuck point for over 50 yrs and have had to give up more and more use of the pond to oystering.

I lost use of most of the clam flats, now my family is losing the use of segar cove. The kids do water sports, and I fish in there. How much of the pond can one person claim for himself? I own Point Jude Boats. This will have a negative effect on my business which has been in South Kingstown for over 60 years. Is his business more important than mine? Please say no to this.

Richard Egerton

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John (Skip) and Kathleen Uhl
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Date: January 18, 2018

Subject: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

We are writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new, three acre oyster/scallop farm in Segar Cove, or for that matter, anywhere else in Potter's Pond. Therefore, we would like to request a formal hearing to voice our concerns in opposition to this application.

We are year round residents and our home is located on Seaweed Cove with a dock. We have a 17.5 ft. SeaRay bow rider, which we use extensively for recreational boating, mainly in Segar Cove. We have family in the area so often we have a large group that loves to tube in that cove. We have six kayaks so we usually have a "flotilla" of kayaks that meet up with the boat in the cove to tube and swim throughout the day.

The only two places in Potters with enough depth for this kind of activity are this cove and the upper pond, where Perry has his residence. We find the upper pond too busy, as many recreational boats come through the "gut" under Succotash Road and tend to go into the upper pond area. If the recreational use of Segar Cove is restricted, with this new farm, then it would drive even more recreational boating into the upper pond and, we believe would create a safety hazard.

We feel strongly, that permitting this farm to operate would greatly restrict the recreational use of these waters for the general public. It appears to us that if CRMC decides to allow this application that it would not be beneficial to the people of this State; but would only add to the increased wealth of an already successful individual.

Mr. Raso has a large area of the pond that he utilizes for his farm already. This site negatively impacts kayaking as well clamming in that section of the pond.

His application states the he needs this expansion to satisfy increasing demand. We ask you, where will this stop? We are quite sure that he may need even larger sections of the pond in the future, as he has developed a very successful business model that is nationwide.

While we applaud his success, it should not come at the expense of the general public; that simply is not fair. The resources of Potters Pond should be available to all to enjoy.

Respectfully,

Skip Uhl & Kathy Uhl

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Oliver Stedman Gvt Ctr

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RE:File # 2017-12-086

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to oppose this request for a 3-acre oyster farm in Segar's Cove. It would definitely have an impact on recreation and wildlife in that area of the pond. I request that a public hearing be held so that all who are opposed may present their considerations in this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Brown

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Dear Sirs:

I live at 210 Lake Avenue, which is directly on Potters Pond and have lived there for thirty years. I strongly object to the proposal # 2017-12-086, which I understand is to increase oyster farming in Segar Cove

The pond is not for sale and needs to be enjoyed by all I hope that the residents' voices will be heard and no further action is necessary

Sincerely yours,
Rosemary Foesche

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95 Peninsula Road

South Kingstown, RI 02879

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RE: Public Notice File 2017-12-086

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in opposition of the application of Perry Raso, 629 Succotash Road Wakefield, to establish a new three (3) acre oyster and bay scallop farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond

We *have owned 95 Peninsula Road since July 1995. It would be a great loss and injustice to the people of this area and R.I. should one entity be allowed to control so much of our beautiful water resources.*

We view the current permitted farm very clearly from the deck of our home and see the extent that already has permitted use. If approved, this newly permitted area would strongly impact the use and enjoyment of the pond now and into the future. We strongly oppose this application for additional control of that which is and should remain open to all.

Sincerely,

Kim D. McHugh 401-339-8623 kimdmchugh@gmail.com

Matthew J. McHugh 401-338-3338 mattmchugh4322@gmail.com

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Re: File # 2017-12-086 Expansion of Oyster Farm in Potter's Pond

Dear Members of the CRMC:

We write in opposition to the above application to increase the acreage of the oyster farming operation in Potter's Pond.

For over 30 years we have owned a house abutting Potter's Pond. When the Matunuck Oyster Bar/Perry Raso first installed an oyster farm, the racks were below the surface and posed no hazard to small boats or paddle boards as it was possible to navigate over them.

Then the area of the racks was substantially increased, with structures built on the surface of the water, blocking large areas of the pond and making them inaccessible to sailboards, sailfish, kayaks, and other watercraft. The expansion forces boats to move closer to the habitats of terns and other shore birds, causing disturbance.

In addition, the racks now are visible from the shore as grids of piping and other materials that are often left protruding above the surface of the water, so that the view is of acres of apparatus, not of scenic salt pond waters.

The above application seeks to reduce even more the area of the pond available for recreational use, wildlife habitat and scenic beauty.

We write to ask that you deny this application as an over-burden of a resource treasured by many. These interests should not be sacrificed to the increased business goals of the applicant.

Very truly yours,

John M. Leventhal and Beverly J. Hodgson

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Re: File # 2017-12-086 Raso Oyster Farm in Potter Pond

Dear Members of the CRMC:

Two days ago, we wrote to you in opposition to the above application to increase the acreage of the oyster farming operation in Potter's Pond. This letter serves to supplement the points made and add our contact information, which we have learned may be required.

For over 30 years we have owned a house with a backyard on Potter Pond. On most summer and fall mornings and on many days at sunset, one of us rows in a single scull in the area where Mr. Raso proposes to install shellfish equipment. A neighbor, Gilbert Indeglia, also uses a single scull in this area. Our family and guests including children, use our kayak, canoe, and paddleboard from our property all summer long, and the area at issue is a favored destination. We invite friends from other parts of town to launch their kayaks from our shoreline, and they frequently do so.

When the Matunuck Oyster Bar/Perry Raso first installed an oyster farm, the racks were below the surface and posed little hazard to sculls, kayaks or paddle boards as it was possible to navigate over them. When the area of the oyster racks was substantially increased about two years ago, with structures protruding on the surface of the water, large areas of the pond were blocked and made inaccessible to us for recreational use. The expansion forced boats to move closer to the habitats of terns, grey herons and other shore birds, causing disturbance.

The proposed further expansion would further limit our frequent recreational use of the pond and would make it necessary for our non-motor boats to encounter motor boats in the reduced open area, a hazardous proposition.

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The pending application seeks to reduce even more the area of the pond available for safe recreational use, wildlife habitat and scenic beauty.

We write to ask that you deny this application as an over-burden of a resource used and treasured by many. These interests should not be sacrificed to the increased business goals of the applicant.

Alternatively, we hope your agency will hold a hearing, and we request notice of the time and place.

Very truly yours,

John M. Leventhal and Beverly J. Hodgson

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Re: file # 2017-12-086
Proposed Raso oyster farm

To Whom It May Concern:

Per you Public Notice dated January, 3, 2017, I write to object and request a hearing on Perry Raso's application for a three-acre oyster farm in Segar Cove, Potter Pond, file # 2017-12-086.

Our family has been at 298 Prospect Road since 1970. I strongly object to Perry Raso's contention that the farm will have very little impact on the recreational uses of Segar Cove. I have spent countless summer afternoons sitting on my deck, watching my children and grandchildren skiing, swimming, tubing and fishing in the exact area of the proposed farm. The grandchildren, especially, use that area when tubing, kayaking and paddleboarding, as it is somewhat at the edge of the main traffic flow and they feel safer there than at the middle of the pond. I worry that, if the farm is approved, they will be at increased risk of collision from speeding boats and jetskis. Also, my sons and grandsons fish over there, catching skipjacks and striped bass. They sometimes go clamming over there, too. I don't think they'll be able to do any of that if an oyster farm is allowed.

My contact information is above..

Sincerely,

Gloria R. Latham

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Department of Hematology/Oncology

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January 15, 2018

Coastal Resources Management Council
Stedman Government Center, Suite 3
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Dear Sirs,

We just received an email concerning the application of Mr. Perry Raso for an expansion of his oyster farm in Potter's Pond (currently located on the eastern Succotash Road side) to include three acres in the Segar Cove area.(public notice 2017-12-086).

We have been residents on 94 Ocean Avenue in the Matunuck Point neighborhood for thirty years now. We believe that the pond should be openly available to all residents for recreational use, including boating and clamming, and that a commercial enterprise should not be permitted to intrude into these activities and onto people's views from their backyards on the western side of the pond. Whenever we make even a minor improvement in our homestead, we need approval from the coastal commission, which is dedicated to preserving the shore. Even cutting down weeds requires a permit and legal work, not to mention putting in railings on stairs or an AC unit, or digging up an oil tank. We can't understand how a big application like this can be approved, especially since it was snuck into your agenda in the middle of winter, when most of us are not at our Rhode Island summer homes.

We enjoy eating at Mr. Raso's Matunuck Oyster Bar, but we don't believe our neighborhood should be turned into an aquatic farm to allow his business to expand and thrive.

Thank you,

Stephen Firshein, M.D.
Evelyn Smith Firshein M.D.

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From:	Tom Maguire <tommaguirefl@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:53 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application
Attachments:	CRMC Application 2017-12-086 - 1-16-18.pdf

My name is Thomas A. Maguire and I have a home at 289 Prospect Rd in Matunuck RI. I am located directly on Potters Pond and would be within viewing area of the proposed Raso Application.

My winter residence is ;
1645 SW Thornbery Cir
Palm City, Fl 34990

I can be reached at 772-341-8080

Although I have only owned my home for the past 5 years my family has lived in Matunuck since 1910. I dug clams in the pond with my father in the 1950's and my father dug them with my grandfather in the 1930's. We are not "newcomers" to the area.

I am writing in opposition to the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new 3 acre oyster farm in Segar Cove. Since I purchased my home Mr. Raso's existing farm *appears* to have more that doubled in size. Whether it is a change of equipment or his expansion I cannot tell but the nets have permanently risen above the water line at all tides and that area of the pond is not available to the many of us who use the pond on a daily basis. I do not wish to see this happen to another area of the pond.

In his application line item 10 it is stated that the 3 acre site is removed from boat traffic and is away from the navigational channel. I disagree. When you enter Segar cove from the main pond most boats turn right and would drive right over the proposed area. In addition this area is very popular for parents to take children tubing.
He further goes on and states that he has never seen anyone fishing or shell fishing in the proposed area. He must not visit the area anymore. I fish and shellfish there at least 5 days a week May through October. He also states that the netting will not interfere with the occasional paddle craft. How is this possible? His own diagrams show the 6" floats sticking 5 " out of the water. It is not possible to paddle over the netting or floats.

I believe it is unfair to reduce the navigable water in the pond to the many taxpaying residents for the benefit of one commercial business. Please do not allow any further commercial expansion in Potter's Pond.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration to this matter.

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From: Barney Latham <blatham@isps.edu.tt>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 7:24 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Re: File # 2017-12-086 Raso Application

January 18, 2018

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: File # 2017-12-086
Raso Application for new oyster farm in Segar Cove

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Jeff (Barney) Latham. I write to request a hearing on the proposed new oyster farm on Segar Cove in Matunuck.

I own 238 Prospect Road in Matunuck. and have been summering in Rhode Island since the early 1970's, using Segar Cove recreationally since childhood, as my grandparents owned 298 Prospect Road in Matunuck. My mother, Gloria Latham, now owns 298 Prospect and I am sure you will be getting a request for a hearing from her as well.

I believe that the farm, in that location, will significantly impinge on recreational uses, including skiing, swimming, tubing and sailing. During summer months, Segar cove is heavily used for recreational purposes, often with 3 or 4 boats and jet skis on the pond at the same time. I believe the proposed farm will create dangerous conditions, especially for kids, as ski boats, etc, will not be able to safely navigate in the remaining open space in the cove.

My local contact information is below, but I'm currently living and working in Trinidad and Tobago, so the best contact is the email provided below.

With thanks for your consideration.

If granted a hearing date, would it be possible for me to send a representative on my behalf? Or alternatively, could the hearing be scheduled during my vacation period? My next vacation period will be March 26-April 6 and I would be able to be in RI for a hearing then.

Sincerely,

J Barney Latham

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From: edwin stapans <estapans11@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:00 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Fwd: Written Objection to Raso Application

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From: "edwin stapans" <estapans11@gmail.com>
Date: Jan 16, 2018 11:53 AM
Subject: Written Objection to Raso Application
To: <eastapans@gmail.com>
Cc: "David L" <davidclatham@gmail.com>, "Gene" <geneacorl@aol.com>, "Bob Appleby" <robert.appleby.ny@gmail.com>, <pmpetrarca@cox.net>, <steveh92@hotmail.com>, "Brenda Stapans" <bstapans@gmail.com>

Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver Stedman Building, Suite #3
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, R.I. 02879

Re: Public Notice File #2017-12-086

The undersigned Matunuck resident and property owner is sending this letter to CRMC: 1) to express in writing my objection to the additional three (3) acre Oyster business that Perry Raso wants to construct and conduct in Potter's Pond, and; 2) to request a hearing and an opportunity to be heard with respect to the several reasons that i am vehemently opposed to Mr. Raso's application and future plans.

If any additional information is requested at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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From:	Walter Magee <mageewl@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, January 19, 2018 11:24 AM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application
Attachments:	2011-09-10_10-29-20_880.jpg

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086
Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Management Council:

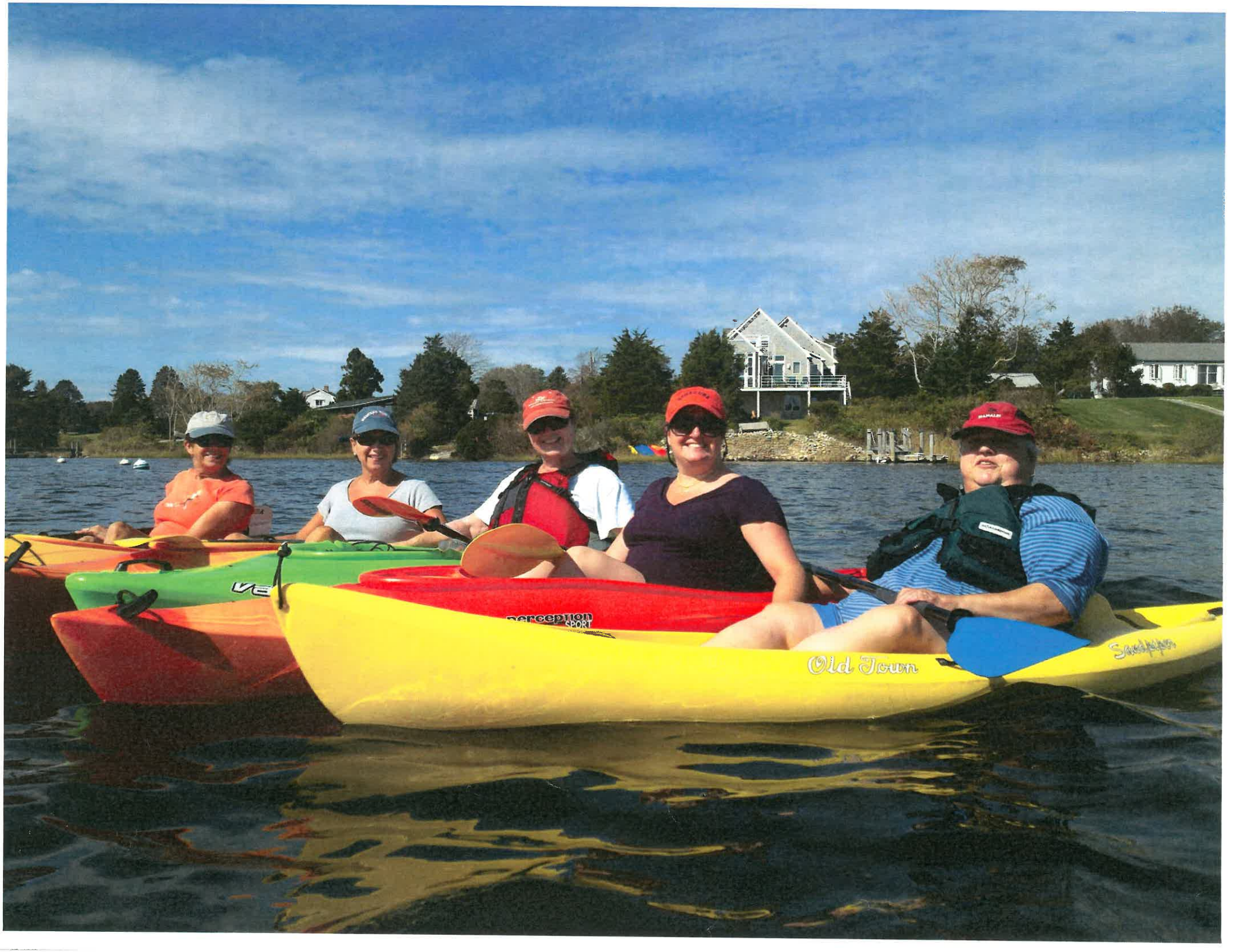
I have been a property owner in Wakefield since 1998, but have enjoyed the Pond since the early 70's. While I am not an expert in environmental management, I have observed the impact of previous commercial oyster farming activity in the Pond. Besides physically restricting recreational activity, the clam populations have been negatively impacted(less nutrient available?).

This is strong evidence that further oyster farming in this Pond will only further diminish available nutrients. The impact of this on the proposed project and local residents could be devastating. I strongly suggest that you collect data and analyze this point before you permit further expansion of oyster farming activity with further encroachment of one of our most precious resources. I have been "shooed away" by the oyster farmers and I really like kayaking in Segar Cove and I use to enjoy the claming.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Magee Jr.

PS I attached a pic to prove it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cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: Pablo Rodriguez <dyrodriguezrn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2018 10:06 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Russo File # 2017-12-086

To Whom it May Concern,

This is to express our strong opposition to Perry Russo's proposal for another oyster farm in Potters Pond. This area of the pond is enjoyed by many kayakers, paddle boarders, sailors, boaters, and fishermen. Please enter this as a formal objection to File # 2017-12-086. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pablo and Diane Rodriguez
860H Curtis Corner Rd.
Wakefield, RI 02879=

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Michael Mainelli <mrmainelli1@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 22, 2018 12:15 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc:	Mark Petrarca; davidclatham@gmail.com
Subject:	File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road Suite #3
Wakefield, RI 02879

Re: File # 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove

Dear Members:

I am a thirty (30) year resident of Segar Cove, living on the waterfront at the very south end of the Cove. Indeed, after every Northeaster, residents of the Cove (and beyond) search my property for lost and blown items.

I wish to appeal to your good offices in vehement opposition to the proposed oyster farming tract proposed by Mr. Raso in the subject application. As you can readily see from Potter Pond maps, there are only two (2) Pond areas suitable for recreational power boating, in area and depth, despite the overall vastness of the Pond. One area is the northern reach, just south of Perch Cove and Route One. The second area is Segar Cove. All other areas are shallow, weed grassed, and used only for passage in recognized channels. And within Segar Cove, usage is limited to the northern reach, as there is abundant residential dockage and the SK "F" mooring field at the southern half.

In the "power boatable" northern half of Segar Cove, power boating tends to proceed in a "Great Circle" fashion, either clockwise or counter-clockwise, depending on boater density. These Circle boaters are water skiers, tubers, skidoo or board riders. Pontoon craft, kayakers, paddle boarders and sail craft by and large stay leisurely to the center of the "Great Circle" or the southern end of Segar Cove. Hence, Segar Cove is a recreational destination by itself with extensive fair weather traffic, notwithstanding those who shove off for the northern end of Potter, or are heading out to Salt Pond.

This proposed farming tract, even assuming it is comprised of three square acres stacked north to south, with its acreage 30 to 40 feet off the eastern shore and its additional need for workboat access on the tract's western side, will put a major "dent" in our "Great Circle" utilization pattern and may in fact challenge boaters' sense and estimation of proximity to the tract, creating unforseen perils. The working western edge of the proposed tract could extend almost 300 feet to the west, hence the "dent" into boatable waters, bringing powered and unpowered craft into confusing proximity.. The overall proposed farming tract could obligate up to 150,000 square feet of of navigable Segar Cove, after factoring in distance off the eastern shore and northern and western tract markers. That's too big a bite out of Segar Cove, especially with equally desirable alternate tracts in the northern end of Potter Pond.

Given all considerations, even acknowledging that the proposed location is a perfect "lee" location protecting Raso assets and operations from damaging nor'easters (unlike his current Potter operations that get savaged each year), a single for-profit commercial consideration just does not stand up to the access, interests and enjoyments of residents, visitors and tourists who look to the Pond-related recreational offerings of South Kingstown. Besides, countering the "oyster demand" argument in the application, I have never seen a sign "Temporarily Out of Oysters" at the Oyster Bar location! Of course, business expansion may create demand, but Segar Cove is not the answer.

Please schedule a public hearing on the Application so you may witness the quantity and quality of local opposition to this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Mainelli
142 Prospect Road
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879
789-4367
mrmainelli1@yahoo.com

cstaff1

From: stephen <steveh92@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2018 4:04 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Public Notice File 2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

To: CRMC

From: Stephen Hitchery, 92 Peninsula Road, Wakefield

Date: January 14, 2018

Subject: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

I am writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new 3 acre oyster farm in Segar Cove, or for that matter, anywhere else in Potter Pond.

I am a year round resident of Matunuck and my home is located on Potter Pond. I have owned this property since 1970.

While my wife and I both enjoy the Matunuck Oyster Bar, and respect the aquaculture business that Mr. Raso has built, we strongly believe that no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space should be permitted. Every year there is an increasing number of paddle boarders, kayakers, boaters and sail boaters competing for the recreational use of these ponds. Further reduction of this space would be an extreme disservice to the residents and taxpayers of South Kingstown for the financial benefit of one business.

Please do not allow any further commercial expansion of this already limited estuary.

Regards,
Steve and Ann Marie Hitchery

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From:	Phil Capaldi <philcapaldi@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, January 24, 2018 10:07 PM
To:	Dave Beutel; lisa.roccabello@dem.ri.gov; council@crmc.ri.gov; cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; dem.marinefisheries@dem.ri.gov; jboyd@crmc.ri.gov; Maguire Rayna (DEM); Steve Medeiros; mgreene@clf.org; e-info@clf.org; Janet Coit; steve@risaa.org; RISAA Kayak Committee; Salt Ponds Coalition; Mike Krul; Philip Shea; David Pollack; Julie A. Carroccia; Virginia Lee; Art Ganz; Alicia MacManus; Annemarie Alberino
Subject:	Regarding 2017-12-086 Application of Perry Raso 629 Succotash Road

Before the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.

Dear Members of the Coastal Resource Management Council,

I am writing regarding CRMC File Number 2017-12-086 Application of Perry Raso 629 Succotash Road , Wakefield RI, 02879. (Potter's Pond - Segar Cove location)

In the application section (10) it states "I have seen only a occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease which will not be impeded if the lease is granted. I have never seen anyone fishing or shellfishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area."

Since 2011, I, along with many other experienced recreational fisherman, have kayaked fished in both Segar Cove and Sycamore Cove. The desired time to fish these locations is in the spring. Early May to be exact. The warming temperatures help the cinder worms emerge. It's an annual event that mark arrival of striped bass of all sizes in Potter's Pond. It's a bitter-sweet exchange between the angler and nature. What is the most appropriate presentation to cast during this event? Fly-tiers even have an event at the Kettle Bottom Visitor Center in Charlestown preceding the event to help anglers from NE to maximize their catch and release in Potter's Pond. (They buy things and add to the economy too - regardless of if they enjoy petit oysters and scallops)

I have enclosed an email from RISAA Kayak group about one such outing. This was from the first outing I have attended in Potters Pond. (2011) We are currently looking for photographic evidence of these trips, for your consideration as well. RISSA's Political Action Committee has as a gold member ($200 +) Mr. Rod Raso - and I am attempting to reach out to Rod about this permit and to provide any photos he has about the cinder worm hatch.

Perhaps the lease could have a conditional caveat that the gear will not be set out until June 1st.

Potter's Pond does indeed offer scenic and recreational space for kayakers - as listed in the Salt Pond Coalitions Paddle Maps Guide. Linked here.

http://www.saltpondscoalition.org/PaddleMaps/SPC%20Kayak%20Guide.pdf

Until only recently, the cove had been iced over. The CRMC buoys were not visible to gather ground truth data when CRMC issued the notification via email.
Has there been any consideration about weather conditions preventing the public to establish a site visit as suggested by CRMC - when an application is submitted in late December? Shouldn't public notification coincide with the placing of the buoys - for that would have to have been in place prior to the CRMC stamp of the application.

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Linda Loiselle <vmllaljcl@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:26 AM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application
Attachments:	CRMC File Number 2017-12-086.Raso app.docx

To Whom it May Concern,

Please find attached a letter objecting to and recommending a hearing for the proposed oyster bed expansion by Perry Raso, in the above referenced file.

Thank you,

Linda Loiselle

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Robert Hefner <bob.hefner@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, January 19, 2018 4:46 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	Request for hearing on FILE 2017-12-086 Perry Raso Potter Pond Oyster lease, attention Dave Buetel
Attachments:	Segar Cove.Hefner reply to CRMC Oyster lease request.docx

Please see my attached file which contains my comments concerning the location of the proposed oyster farm on Segar Cove.
I would like a hearing to further explain and discuss my concerns.
All of my contact information is contained with the attached document.

Is it necessary for me to forward a paper copy of my comments. I have been told that if a second hearing is held my email comments will not be included in such hearing and only comments sent registered mail will be allowed.
Would you be so kind as to reply indicating you have received my comments and they will be included in any hearing.
Thanks you
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From:	Bart Palmer <bspalmer55@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, January 28, 2018 7:27 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc:	Bart Palmer; Suzanne Palmer
Subject:	File #2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To: CRMC

From Bart and Suzanne Palmer

Date: 29 January, 2018

Subject CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3rd 2018

We are writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new 3 acre shellfish farm for the purpose of using suspended and floating gear to grow oysters and scallops in Segar Cove in South Kingstown's Potter Pond.

We are partial year residents of Snug Harbor and use Potter Pond on a regular basis May through September every year. We strongly believe approving this would limit the publics use of Segar Cove. We regularly use the cove to take our children and grandchildren skiing and tubing as well as kayaking in the cove. We also use the cove for fishing activity as well, as this is a safe harbor for taking children fishing. The approval of the request by Mr. Raso would greatly limit our use of the cove for recreational purposes. My son and I own two boats each that we take back to that specific area of the pond as it is a safe place for us to enjoy these recreational activities. If this aquaculture farm is allowed to be put in place it will significantly impact and impair the existing public access or use of the cove. The use of the area will result in significant conflict with water dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, and navigation.

Further reduction of the space in Potters Pond would be an extreme disservice to the residents and taxpayers of South Kingstown for the financial benefit of one business.

Please do not allow this commercialization and expansion of this already limited estuary to be approved. We respectfully request a public hearing be held to dispute this proposed application.

Regards,

Bart
and Suzanne Palmer
436 Chapel Grove Lane (mailing address)
Farragut, TN 37934
704-401-4662 (Mobile
)

20 Sherman Road (May through September address)

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Brett Cicchese <jcicchese@verizon.net>
Sent:	Sunday, January 28, 2018 2:30 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc:	jcicchese@verizon.net
Subject:	File Number 2017-12-086

Jody and Brett Cicchese
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jcicchese@verizon.net

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Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To CRMC:

The purpose of this letter is to provide opposition to the Referenced application for a three acre oyster/scallop farm in Segar Cove.

My wife and I just recently purchased land on Segar Cove and are beginning the construction of our year round home. We are exited about the location for use of the pond for recreational purposes. We have applied for a mooring and will apply for a dock in the future. Living in Matunuck has been our life long dream. We were surprised when we heard of the application request to expand aquaculture into Segar Cove. We have yet to fully enjoy the benefits of Segar Cove only to find this application request to consume three acres (likely more) of prime recreational waters. Further aquaculture farming beyond what currently exists in the ponds will exacerbate the already congested recreational waters.

While we enjoy Matunuck Oyster Bar, appreciate the economic boon his restaurant provides and wish him all the success, there needs to be a limit to how many acres of aquaculture farming should be allowed in the ponds.

Please do not approve this application.

Sincerely,

Jody and Brett Cicchese
jcicchese@verizon.net

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Andrew viveiros <andrewviveiros@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 29, 2018 9:47 AM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Cc:	Kate Leach
Subject:	Fwd: Please deny approval of Application 2017-12-086

Hello Dave,
I would like to register my concern and disapproval of this application to allow Perry Raso's expansion further into Potter Pond.

As a homeowner on the pond, we feel this expansion will have a negative impact on the many of thousands of people that use potters pond for recreation. Allowing Perry to expand will give him control of an even larger portion of the pond and limit recreational users access and use.

If the application cannot be denied, then at the very least, I think this decision should be postponed until more residents can have the chance to provide their opinion and input. We feel that the timing was intentionally planned for "off season" when many summer residents would not be aware of this application.

Please notify me of the hearing date and time so I can plan to attend and provide a sworn testimony.

Thank you for your consideration.
Andrew M. Viveiros
691U succotash road
Wakefield RI
AndrewViveiros@gmail.com
401-428-5008

Mailing Address:

15 Williams Road, Smithfield RI 02917

All comments regarding this Application (number 2017-12-086) must be addressed to the CRMC, by this Friday, 2/2/20118 Please contact the following with your comments:

CRMC Aquaculture Coordinator
Dave Beutel
Phone 401-783-3370
Email: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov

RI State Senator
V. Susan Sosnowski
Phone: 401-222-4200

RI Representative:
Teresa Tanzi

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: Karen Palmer <karen_palmer1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:19 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Fw: File #2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To: CRMC

From Tim and Karen Palmer

Date: 29 January, 2018

Subject CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3rd 2018

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Regards,

Tim
and Karen
Palmer
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8605599928 (

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cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Stephen Williams <Adjuster26@live.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 29, 2018 12:50 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086 January 3rd 2018

I am writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a new 3 acre shellfish farm for the purpose of using suspended and floating gear to grow oysters and scallops in Segar Cove in South Kingstown's Potter Pond.

I own property in South Kingstown along with my sisters at 8, 10, 12, and 14 Hartford Avenue in Snug Harbor. This was initially owned by our grandparents then passed on to our father and then eventually to us. I say all this because my sisters and I have been coming down to this property our whole lives. We would come down on summer vacations and now my nieces and nephews can do the same. We have a lot of memories and history here.

Now I am aware that there is an application for Perry Raso to put in a shell fish farm in potters pond. I will admit I love his restaurant and have been there many times. However, I am very much against him putting in another shellfish farm in Potters Pond. We spend a lot of time in Potters Pond as do many other residents fishing and boating and having fun. This pond is to be enjoyed by everyone and not just for the purpose of one person for his purpose. I honestly feel that if this application is approved, it will greatly limit residents ability to enjoy Potters pond to its fullest extent.

Therefore I am asking that you not approve the above application and allow Potters Pond to remain open and usable to the many residents who use it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Paul Williams and Joan C. Williams
Stephenwilliams78@icloud.com
767 Thrasher Drive
Rockledge, FL 32955 (Mailing Address)

860-559-0629
8-14 Hartford Avenue
Wakefield, RI 02879 (Summer Address)

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Wayne Gordon <wayne.gordon@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 29, 2018 1:01 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc:	dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov; rep-fogarty@rilegistature.gov
Subject:	CRMC application file# 2017-09-086

We have a cottage at Village at Potter Pond. Mr. Raso presently farms oysters just in front of us. This has had a negative impact on recreational fishing and clamming.

We think any increase in this activity would be even more disruptive.

Thank you for your consideration in this issue

Wayne Gordon
685A Succotash Road
Wakefield R.I.

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Caroline Wilkel <zeebra327@cox.net>
Sent:	Monday, January 29, 2018 9:51 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc:	Caroline Wilkel
Subject:	2017-12-086, Raso Application, Objection

To CRMC,

I am writing to OBJECT to Perry Raso's application FILE 201712-086. In my opinion, an oyster/scallop farm at the proposed location will have a significant negative impact on the local native fish, shellfish, crabs and general aquatic environment. The proposed site is one of the few areas in the salt ponds north of East Matunuck Beach with somewhat deep water access. The proposed farm would be a major infringement on boating, fishing, clamming, paddle boarding, swimming and day sailing on the pond. I have a 15 ft boat with a mooring in Seaweed Pond and there is already very limited access to navigate the limited shallow water " paths" for recreational use (especially in pea soup fog) and local knowledge is key for safety. The proposed farm would certainly impede and interfere with public access to, navigation of and recreational use of these waters.

I respect the success of Mr. Raso's business efforts and his contribution to the community. I object to anyone proposing aquatic interference in the area, as it is a major infringement of public use and alteration of native habitat. I object to 2017-12-086, Raso.

Respectfully,

Caroline Wilkel
1039 Matunuck Beach Road
Matunuck, RI 02879

zeebra327@cox.net

401-523-7512

mailing address:
20 Mawney Brook Road
East Greenwich, RI 02818

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: judy bucklen <judybucklen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:46 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; judy bucklen
Subject: 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Objection

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Judy Bucklen
957 Matunuck Beach Road
Unit 2
Matunuck, RI 02879

judybucklen@hotmail.com

401-474-5322

mailing address:
PO Box 193
Wakefield, RI 02880

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: deborah mccurdy <deborahannmccurdy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:57 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: File # 2017-12-086/ Perry Russo Seger Cove expansion

Dear Sir/Madam,
We (Deborah and Terrence McCurdy 264 Prospect Road, Wakefield, RI) would like to express our concerns with Mr. Russo's expansion of 3 additional acres in Potter's Pond. We have lived on the pond for many years and have enjoyed boating, swimming, fishing, clamming, bird watching, worms hatching and many more pleasurable activities on the pond. We feel that this expansion will interfere with the ability of all persons to enjoy the bountiful beauties of what our pond offers. As I write this email, I am looking out my window where Mr. Perry is proposing his expansion, and what I see a place where people swim, waterski, clam, fish, kids tubing and laughing as they fall in the water, this will end if he is allowed to expand and prosper his business. Where he is now and has grown to cover a large area, people who clammed there for years no longer can; people who kayak, sail and rowed over there, no longer can, the residual seaweed, mesh and pipes have littered the shore and we pick it up and toss away what does not belong in the pond on a regular basis, so why do we do this because we Love the pond and want to keep it pristine for all people to enjoy. Losing more area in the pond to business is really a sad and disheartening concept which we hope does not come to fruition. Mr. Russo has done very well with the use of our pond, but do we continue to let people profit while we lose what we love, respect and enjoy? Many families on the pond have been here for generations and we want what we have been able to enjoy to continue for years to come for future generations. We hope the council takes into consideration the feelings of the people who use the pond, some are only here in the summer and look forward to retuning each spring, but many of us are here all the time and we love every season on the pond! We are totally against Mr. Russo or any other persons expanding/creating more closures on our pond. People have made very good profits off our ponds, but at what cost to the people, who should be freely able to enjoy what mother nature has given us. Please feel free to contact me at deborahannmccurdy@gmail.com
Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter,
Deb and Terry McCurdy

cstaff1

From: Kate Leach <kleach691@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:58 PM
To: dbeutel@cemc.ri.gov; cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Application Number 2017-12-086

1-30-2018

Mr. Dave Beutel
Aquaculture Coordinator
CRMC
4808 Tower Hill Rd # 116
Wakefield, RI 02879

Dear Mr. Beutel:

I am writing to register my concern and disapproval of Application Number 2017-12-086 to allow Perry Raso's further expansion into Potter's Pond.

As a homeowner on the pond, I feel this expansion will have a negative impact on hundreds of people that use Potter's Pond for recreation. Though we very much enjoy The Matunuck Oyster Bar, allowing Mr. Raso to expand in this *very active* part of the pond will limit recreational users access and use and decrease the value of our homes.

If the application cannot be denied, then at the very least, I think this decision should be postponed until more residents can have the chance to provide their opinion and input. The timing appears to be planned for "off season" when many summer residents would not be aware of this application and have the opportunity to respond and provide testimony.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kate Leach
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Wakefield, RI 02879
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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7:51 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Application Number 2017-12-086

From: Kate Leach [mailto:kleach691@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7:23 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov; Kate Leach
Subject: Fwd: Application Number 2017-12-086

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From:	Kimberly Carr <kimberly.carr@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, January 23, 2018 12:23 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to File Number 2017-12-086.

My family owns a home with a dock on Seaweed Cove. We boat daily in Segar Cove in a variety of ways. We use the cove for skiing, tubing, sailing, stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking. Because of the amount of seaweed in (the aptly named) Seaweed Cove, we also drive our boat in the deeper Segar Cove to clear out the prop and plane out. I am extremely concerned that the proposed oyster farm will infringe upon our rights to use this public space.

We use the 3 acres in question for all of these activities. It may seem like an out-of-the-way area to people who do not use Segar Cove regularly but I promise that shoreline area is an essential component of all kinds of boating and will severely curtail our ability to enjoy the cove overall.

We have a "fleet" of a half dozen water crafts and entertain more than 50 friends and family members at our house regularly throughout the summer. We all object strongly to this overt restriction of our boating enjoyment.

Therefore, I request a hearing to voice our opposition.

With kind regards,

Kimberly Carr

2 Peninsula Road, Matunuck, RI 02879

212-920-4425

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Carol Kalfian <ckalfian@icloud.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, January 24, 2018 3:57 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	CMRC 2017-12-086 Raso Proposed Oyster/Bay Scallop Farm on Segar Cove/Potter Pond
Attachments:	CMRC Ref 2017-12-086.PDF; Untitled attachment 00463.txt

January 24, 2018
To whom it may concern:
Attached is a letter of objection to the Raso Proposed Oyster/Bay Scallop Farm at Segar Cove/Potter Pond. CMRC 2017-12-086.
I am a year round resident (home owner) whose home is on Potters Pond.
Sincerely,
Carol Kalfian
200 Ocean Avenue
Matunuck Point
Wakefield, RI 02879
ckalfian@cox.net
Ph: 401-783-8149 / cell: 401-481-6820

Also:
John and Lorraine Phillips
214 Ocean Avenue
Matunuck Point
Wakefield, RI 02879
Lorathome@aol.com
Ph: 401-284-1938 / cell: 914-924-5094

From: Dave Beutel [mailto:dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Lease application no.2017-12-086 Perry Raso's application for Segar Cove

From: Elizabeth Candas [mailto:cecandas71@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 8:57 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov

Subject: Lease application no.2017-12-086 Perry Raso's application for Segar Cove

Dear Mr. Beutel,

There has been a request by Mr. Raso to expand his aquaculture operation to a sweet little cove in Potter Pond. Segar Cove is used by many residents in the late spring, summer and fall. Actually, it is one of the few places residents can go to water ski or do tubing. It is also where many fish, quohag and just hang out on the nfai.

This is not a good place for Mr. Raso to expand his business, it would take away the use residents and summer people and renters have of the Cove. I am a small business person in town and understand the need to expand, but there must be another area that would not take away the pleasure that so many residents and tourists have in our lovely town of South Kingstown.

Taking away the use of this lovely little cove for the use of just one person is really unfair. Please try to work with Mr. Raso in finding another sight for his business expansion

Sincerely yours,

C. Elizabeth Candas

cecandas71@gmail.com

401-787-5685

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From: McCooey, Joseph <JMcCooey@courts.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:38 AM
To: 'cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov'
Subject: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

138 Peninsula Rd

Wakefield, RI 02879

January, 26, 2017

Coast Resource Management Council

4808 Tower Hill Road #116

Wakefield, R.I. 02879

Re: File # 2017-12-086 Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

To Whom It May Concern:

We are sending this letter to ask you to deny the application to increase the acreage of the Potter's Pond oyster/scallop farm.

My family has owned property on Matunuck Point since 1958. Four generations of my family have spent countless hours on and in the pond enjoying water activities including fishing, swimming, water skiing, quahoging, kayaking, and paddle boarding as well as the beautiful views and scenery. We enjoy going to the Matunuck Oyster Bar but feel the Oyster/scallop Farm already takes up too much of the pond and detracts from everyone's view as well as being a navigational hazard. Frequently after storms mesh bags and CVC piping used by the oyster farm wash up on the shoreline or litter the pond bottom. Please vote to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Joseph & Carolyn McCooey

jpmccooey@gmail.com

401 528 9923

cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

From:	Eduardo Latham <Eduardo.Latham@KornFerry.com>
Sent:	Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:59 AM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	File #2017-12-086, Proposed Raso oyster farm, Sugar Cove, Potter Pond

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: file # 2017-12-086
Proposed Raso oyster farm

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Perry Raso has applied to develop an additional Oyster Farm on Segar Cove in Matunuck. I am disappointed to hear that this application is even being considered by the council. The beauty, calmness and tranquility of Rhode island's coves is slowly being decimated in the interest of economic gain. I am additionally concerned about the potential danger this will cause to recreational boaters, swimmers and skiers who have enjoyed this space, for those activities for years.

I have personally spent the last 47 summers in Matunuck. My three young children have been going to Matunuck for 14 years it is our Summer home. Our family has a sailboat, motorboat and a kayak which are all used for recreational purposes throughout the Summer. We specifically use the Kayaks to explore every inch of the cove.

The proposed new site for this oyster farm will significantly disrupt the natural flow of any type of recreational activity and could potentially a serious risk of injury to an unsuspecting boater or kayaker.
I would appreciate you reconsider approving this application. A commercial endeavor in this area is a major disruption to the serenity and natural beauty we have all enjoyed for so many years.
If you need to reach me, please feel free to email me at Eduardo.Latham@Kornferry.com or call my cell 786.879.9148. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

With sincerest gratitude,

Eduardo J. Latham, Barbara, Alexa, Edward, Isabella.
3811 Crawford Ave
Miami, FL 33133

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: 2017-12-086

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: 2017-12-086

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From: **Sandra Lundin** <sandra.h.lundin@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 11:16 AM
Subject: 2017-12-086
To: sen-sosnowski@rilegislature.gov

Senator Soanowski: Perry Reso has control of enough of Potter's pond (2017-12-086)... I think this spot is excellent and safe for kayakers, small boaters and water skiing. I live opposite the oyster bar on the canal and enjoy watching all the activity, both boaters and wild life. It would be a shame to lose such a wonderful recreational spot for the betterment of one individual's business. I am opposed to this application on Perry Reso's part to rent additional space for his aquaculture business. Besides limiting the use of the pond by boaters and anglers it will negatively impact the environment for those living on or near the pond... he already has a huge operation in place and more aquaculture means more workers, more noise and more pollution. I am opposed to this application.
Sandra Lundin
401-419-0089

Sent from my iPhone

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Raso's Aquafarm Application

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: Raso's Aquafarm Application

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From: **Katherine Jacques** <kayjacques88@icloud.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 11:04 AM
Subject: Raso's Aquafarm Application
To: sen-sosnowski@rilegislature.gov

Dear Senator,
As the manager of the Wakamo Park Homeowners Association of The Village at Potter Pond, I represent 71 home owners that have expressed great concern about the Aquaculture Farm proposed by Perry Raso .
We feel that increasing his aquaculture farm will bring more industrial boat traffic and noise , as well as greatly inhibit the enjoyment of the residents that share the pond.
The Village at Potter Pond property owners have been gracious neighbors with regards to Mr. Raso's exiting oyster farm and respectfully think that is enough acreage that the state of R.I. has leased to him.
We ask that you represent our concerns to the CRMC officials .

Thank you in advance ,
Kathie Jacques
WPHOA Manager
781-223-3429

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Aquaculture permit Potter Pond
Attachments: Raso Opposition Ltr.docx

From: Sue Sosnowski [mailto:vssosnowski@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: Fwd: Aquaculture permit Potter Pond

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From: <gms239@verizon.net>
Date: Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 5:46 PM
Subject: Aquaculture permit Potter Pond
To: sen-sosnowski@rilegislature.gov

Dear Sen. Sosnowski,

Please see our opposition letter attached. As the Senator representing this area and a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture
we would hope you read the opposition letters that CRMC has received and realize the impact another lease will have on both Potter Pond and the tourism industry of
this area.

Thank you,

James & Patricia Gleason

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Brittany; David Beutel
Subject: FW: Public Notice File 2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

From: Michael P Moriarty CPA [mailto:michael@michaelpmoriartycpa.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 10:06 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: RE: Public Notice File 2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

To: CRMC

From: Michael P. Moriarty, 38 Bullard Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Date: February 2, 2018

Subject: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

I am writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a 3 acre oyster and scallop farm in Segar Cove or anywhere else in Potter Pond.

My wife's family have been summer-long residents of 188 Lake Avenue Matunuck, RI for five (5) generations. I have come to enjoy Potter Pond myself over the past 17 years, and regularly enjoy fishing and boating on the pond. I understand that Mr. Raso has stated that he commuted to his establishment daily by boat and did not see any significant amount of boat traffic on the pond. That has not been my experience. Mr. Raso lived across the street from my wife's family home, so I am very familiar with the route he traveled.

I fish by boat on the pond from mid-April through November. I can be seen on the pond most every Saturday and Sunday morning and spend at least two full weeks there in the summer, fishing every day. I can assure you that during the summer months, the number of water skiers, paddle boarders, jet skis, kayaks, canoes and boats just cruising is significant – particularly in Segar Cove, which is one of two areas on the pond that can support water skiing. A drive to the end of Washington or Lake Streets will reveal public access points with dozens of kayaks that are used so frequently, their owners leave them there. The Lake Avenue access is across the street from my wife's family home, and it is constantly active on Saturdays and Sundays with boating activity all day and into the evenings, to the point I sometimes feel that it is too crowded.

Potter Pond is one of the few places left that has not been spoiled by development and commercialization. Based on my own observations and experiences, the habitat holds a strong population of striped bass, water birds, rabbits, deer and turkeys. It's a regular thrill to spot a deer or two in the early morning or a flock of turkeys. Further commercialization of the pond will surely have an impact on this sensitive environment. The processing platforms and working farm operations will be an obtrusive presence on this now pristine, small residential body of water. This size of the pond cannot support any further commercial activity.

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: File # 2017-12-086

-----Original Message-----
From: Bradford Boss [mailto:bradfordrboss@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:20 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: File # 2017-12-086

CRMC:

Regarding the subject file number, and as a resident on Potters Pond, please note that I object to this filing and wish to at the least, ask for a public hearing.

Cordially yours,

W. Russell Boss, Jr, Trust A
Bradford R. Boss

Sent from my iPhone

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 8:35 AM
To: Brittany; David Beutel
Subject: FW: Seegar's Pond in crisis File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application

From: George Goneconto [mailto:gwgoneconto@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:21 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Seegar's Pond in crisis File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application

To Whom it May Concern,
My father owns a home on Seegar Cove and my family, friends and I are frequent visitors during the summer months, It came to my attention that there were plans to develop 3 acres of the pond for commercial purposes and this was very concerning to my family and I. The pond is a resource for not only the local community but for the many friends and family members who visit regularly during the summer months.
I find it very disturbing that one business venture takes the precedence over the the interests of hundreds of residents, family and friends. The increased traffic from this commercial venture is bound to result in limiting the recreational use of the pond due to safety concerns. I have witnessed the amount of activity there is at the other 7 acre oyster farm and this amount of activity I feel would cause safety concerns with residential users. Water skiing, wake boarding, tubing, paddle boarding, fishing, kayaking are just a few of the recreational activities that will be impacted by the interests of ONE business venture. It just doesn't make any sense to me. I am proud that our state's nick name is the Ocean State. Well let's back it up by putting the interests of our residents ahead of the interests of one businessman who by the way already controls 7 acres of an adjacent pond for his personal business interests. The residential users of the pond must number in the hundreds and is the reason why this area is so popular to tourism in the summer months. I implore on you to make the right decision and put the interests of our recreational users ahead of the interests of one individual.
A concerned family member of Seegar Cove
George W, Goneconto

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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Segar Cove aquaculture application

From: Ken Bennett [mailto:kenneth_bennett@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:43 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Segar Cove aquaculture application

I am against any additional aquaculture farms is Salt Pond. The farms already in existence have already infringed on the public use of the pond. Allowing another one in Segar Cove will only further restrict public use.

Why is it that the last day to comment on such applications, in this case Feb 2, are when many of the residents are away for the winter. It should be will advertised and during the season when most of the residents are here and can comment.

Ken Bennett (year round resident)

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:52 AM
To: David Beutel; Brittany
Subject: FW: Public Notice File 2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

From: Mary Moriarty [mailto:mary.moriarty01@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:48 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Mary Moriarty
Subject: Public Notice File 2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

To: CRMC

From: Mary Feely Moriarty, 38 Bullard Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Date: February 2, 2018

Subject: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

I am writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a 3 acre oyster and scallop farm in Segar Cove or anywhere else in Potter Pond.

As a lifelong, summer resident of 188 Lake Avenue Matunuck, RI, my family has enjoyed the recreational use of Potter Pond Segar Cove for five (5) generations. My great grandfather purchased land and built a home for his family in 1904, specifically close to the water to ensure every descendant would have easy access and full use of the ponds. From our earliest days, my seven siblings and I followed the summer traditions of three prior generations by enjoying wading first the then swimming, catching minnows, crabs and an occasional eel, sailing, rowing, motor boating, and water skiing. As we came of age, Potter Pond became a destination for us with friends and extended family members who stayed for a week or two, eager to join in the fun of water sports and boating adventures. The fifth generation is presently enjoying these longstanding recreational traditions. while respecting the integrity of the ocean and ponds.

I have known Perry for many years, dating back to his residence on Lake Avenue and admire all that he has done to create such a thriving business, The Matunuck Oyster Bar. HOWEVER, I firmly believe that there should be no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space as we are among the MANY MANYwho thoroughly enjoy and look forward to many years of continued use. The reduction in recreational water space would be a significant detraction and disservice to taxpayers and residents of South Kingstown, while Mr Raso continues to build his commercial enterprise.

Please do not allow any further commercial expansion of this already limited estuary.

IN CLOSING, should this application move forward, I am requesting a PUBLIC HEARING prior to the approval.

Regards,

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:39 PM
To: David Beutel; Brittany
Subject: FW: Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove ,Potter Pond

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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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Wakefield, RI 02879
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(401) 783-3767

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From: Von Ancken, Robert [mailto:bvonancken@ngkf.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:33 PM
To: 'cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov'
Cc: 'davidclatham@gmail.com'; cliffking@aol.com
Subject: FW: Reference File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove ,Potter Pond

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources management Council
Oliver h Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield ,RI 02879-1900

Sirs,

My home is located at 2238 Commodore Hazard Perry highway in Wakefield South Kingston RI. We have a large home that has extensive frontage on Potter Pond and I donated to the South Kinston Trust 6 acres of land also with substantial frontage on Potter Pond

I am vehemently against any further infringement of the Pond by the proposed use. I have an extended family and we use the pond extensively with several kayaks, paddle boards , paddle boat ,and a 17' runabout for water skiing and towing a float. We also like to find a peaceful place on the pond to swim . I have a registered mooring and a dock. Generally on the weekend we have 12 family members and guests all getting out on the pond and on occasion have parties with even more people getting into the water.

I believe granting the right to have a three acre oyster farm in Segar Cove will adversely affect our use of the pond and I am very much against it.

Robert Von Ancken

2238 Commodore Perry Hazard Highway (Route 1)
South Kingston RI

Brittany Spurlock

From: Louis James <louisjames3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Cc: Rosemary Ostrowski
Subject: Re: Raso Application

Thank you for confirming receipt of our response Brittany.

Please do add us to the notice list. The following is our Philadelphia address ... since again ... we do not live in South Kingstown year round:

Louis James
208 Lone Oak Drive
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

The South Kingston property:

258 Blackberry Hill Drive
South Kingstown, RI 02879

Lou James
(610) 698-8630

On Friday, February 2, 2018, 2:05:20 PM EST, Brittany Spurlock <bspurlock@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Dear Louis,

We are in receipt of your response to CRMC Public Notice for Perry Raso. If you would like to be informed of future meetings / hearings, please reply with your USPS mailing address. Thank you!

Brittany Spurlock

Data Entry

Coastal Resources Management Council

Oliver Stedman Government Center

4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 116

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: potters pond

From: Bill mccormick [mailto:bill@greatisland.net]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 11:40 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Fw: potters pond

From: Bill mccormick
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 11:32 AM
To:
Subject: potters pond

Hi Dave Beutel

Why do we have things like this come up when a lot of people are away for the WINTER
It's not just fair
how about a public notice NEWS PAPER ETC.
I also though the WATERS were for all to ENJOY .

And buy the way I believe Aquaculture is a good thing ; but there are limits.

What next they will want to take over all of POTTERS POND & SALT POND

THANKS'
for your time
bill McCormick

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 7:43 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Segar Cove/Potter Pond Oyster Farm

-----Original Message-----
From: Art's Email [mailto:arthurlowe11@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:45 PM
To: Beutel Dave
Subject: Segar Cove/Potter Pond Oyster Farm

Dear Dave Beutel; In regards to the Oyster/ Scallop Farm being considered for Segar Cove in Potter Pond I am against the location . This area we use to take our family tubing as well as fish the spring clam worm hatch all along that shoreline.

We live on Prospect Rd across from the existing Farm (20+yrs.) and only a stone throw from this proposed site. We are not against this project just where it's going to be located. I know we don't own the water but we due pay a lot of money in taxes to live on it. We would like to see a public hearing on this so all my summer neighbors would be aware of this project and be better informed. Thank you for your consideration Art Lowe 401 450-4635 Sent from my iPhone

Brittany Spurlock

From: Art's Email <arthurlowe11@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:04 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: Re: Raso Application

Art Lowe 42 Rector St East Greenwich RI 02818

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2018, at 3:31 PM, Brittany Spurlock <bspurlock@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

> Dear Art,
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> We are in receipt of your response to CRMC Public Notice for Perry Raso. If you would like to be informed of future meetings / hearings, please reply with your USPS mailing address. Thank you!
>
> *Brittany Spurlock*
> Data Entry
> Coastal Resources Management Council
> Oliver Stedman Government Center
> 4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 116
> Wakefield, RI 02879
> (401)783-3370

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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 7:51 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Potter Pond

From: Joseph Coppola [mailto:joecopp10@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:52 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potter Pond

Hello Mr. Beutel,
My wife and I recently relocated to RI (Watson Farm in Wakefield) from western Massachusetts and, already, we are very impressed with the access to the natural beauty that this region has to offer. While reading Narragansett Times, I noticed the request for a permit to utilize 3 acres in Potter Pond for commercial reasons, with the liekly consequence of eliminating this area for recreational use. Although I'm not familiar with the history of this type of permit request, I would caution us to grant this type of privilege for one at the expense of a lot of people who enjoy the cove during summer months. I do not know the requestor of the permit, and he is likely a very nice and good individual, so this message is no way targeted at an individual but it is more strategic in terms of what use do we want for our precious natural resources in the long term?
Thank you for listening,
Joe Coppola

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 2:48 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Matunuck Oyster Bar - Additional Lease

From: Louis James [mailto:louisjames3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:20 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; council@crmc.ri.gov; dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Rosemary Ostrowski
Subject: Re: Matunuck Oyster Bar - Additional Lease

This is a followup to my previous email send a few moments ago.

I have had the opportunity to review the application and now understand Mr Raso is applying for leased property within Segur Cove ... and much narrower and smaller estuary than the main body of Potter's Pond.

If it were even possible ... we are even more opposed to the application given the small size of this Cove ... and the direct and negative impact of any aquaculture infrastructure that will be obstacles to the free use and quiet enjoyment of the Cove by the public.

We are emphatically and completely opposed to this application ... which should have been made public when the majority of property owners are in the area ... during the summer. Rather than timed for release during the dead of winter. The applicant decides when to make the application and there is no other reason for the timing but to benefit from the absence of the majority of landowners.

Louis James
(610) 698-8630

On Friday, February 2, 2018, 1:09:56 PM EST, Louis James <louisjames3@yahoo.com> wrote:

I have learned that Perry Raso is applying for another lease within Potter's Pond ... and assume it is adjacent to the existing leased property.

My wife and I own a home at 258 Blackberry Hill Drive in Matunuck ... and enjoy Potter's Pond regularly throughout the year (swimming, clamming, kayaking, paddle boarding). I have noticed and discussed with others the obvious size of the existing leases relative to the open area ... and given the large size of the area in the middle of the large pond area, expected that would be the extent of the amount of leased property the CRMC would allow.

I recognize that Raso is submitting an application for additional property and the CRMC will evaluate the merits of the lease relative to the recreational user ... which, being involved in land management ... I appreciate that task as not being a simple one ... and somewhat subjective when assessing the value of isolating common area to a single third-party.

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Rasso Aquaculture permit

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeff Cahill [mailto:jscahill72@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 4:07 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Rasso Aquaculture permit

Good Afternoon,
I am writing you to express my concern and opposition to the permit request of Perry Rasso for aquaculture in Potter Pond. I am a homeowner on the pond and would like to keep the pond open for recreation to we the homeowners and the general public.
Mr. Rasso already enjoys the economic benefits of farming almost 7 acres in the pond. I think that is great. I have enjoyed a few oysters in his restaurant and appreciate the fact that they are raised right in the pond.
I do think that anymore acreage used by him for aquaculture and financial gain would be too much. It is a large pond but many people boat, kayak, clam and fish in the pond. We would like to keep it that way.
Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Jeff Cahill
689L Succotash Rd.
South Kingstown, RI

Jscahill72@yahoo.com

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 7:39 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Request for hearing concerning Application of Perry Raso-CRMC P.N. File 2017-12-086, for extension of oyster farm into Segar Cove
Attachments: 1-31-2018 crmc request for hearing-2.docx

-----Original Message-----
From: bilden@cox.net [mailto:bilden@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 3:56 PM
To: zarnetske@southkingstown.com
Cc: Harbormaster@SKPD.com; dbeutel@CRMC.ri.gov
Subject: Fwd: Request for hearing concerning Application of Perry Raso-CRMC P.N. File 2017-12-086, for extension of oyster farm into Segar Cove

Gentlemen:

I ask that you consider the following.

Fundamentally, this application seeks private financial gain at the expense of and to the detriment of the timeless public recreational use of Segar Cove. That is truly the issue at stake. It is indisputable that the establishment of a 3 acre oyster farm in Segar Cove would significantly and dangerously infringe upon and interfere with the recreational activity engaged in by citizens' on Segar cove. Murphy's law clearly applies to the possibly tragic consequences of that conflict. Does the taking of this public area for one citizen's private financial gain serve the interest of the public clearly and substantially more than leaving Segar Cove as it is? No, it clearly does not.

William G. DeMagistris

> Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2018 14:45:35 -0500
> From: <bilden@cox.net>
> To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
> Subject: Request for hearing concerning Application of Perry Raso-CRMC P.N.
File 2017-12-086, for extension of oyster farm into Segar Cove
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> From: William G. DeMagistris
> 83 Prospect Road
> Wakefield, RI 02879
> tel. 401-782-8284, cell 401-480-6152
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> To: Coastal Resources Management Council
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> Honorable Council Members:
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> My wife and I oppose this application and request a hearing thereon because the granting of this application and the establishment of an oyster farm in Segar Cove would detrimentally affect and dangerously interfere with the recreational uses and activities regularly engaged in by citizens on Segar Cove
> For almost 15 years my wife and I have resided, year round, at our 83 Prospect Road home which fronts on Seaweed Cove in Potter Pond. We have a dock on Seaweed Cove. Over the years we and our family and friends

have operated our 18 ft. Edgewater out board, RI license # 19352, Kayaks, sail boards, and engaged in shell fishing, water skiing, tubing, and swimming in Segar Cove. I have observed many others engaging in such activities on Segar Cove, and such activity has increased over the years. Based upon that experience and my observations I firmly believe that the extension of Mr. Raso's oyster farm into Segar Cove by constricting and reducing the area now available for recreational use would detrimentally affect and interfere with the citizens" recreational use of Segar Cove and substantially increase the liklihood of accidents and collisions involving those engaging in such activities. I find Mr. Raso's representations concerning the extent of recreational use to be untrue and dramatically understated.

> > > > Please enter my comments contained herein and attached letter into the record of this application and the hearing thereof. I also join in and incorporate herein by reference the position and submissions regarding this application submitted by Robert Hefner of 231 Sycamore Lane, Wakefield, RI 02879.

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> Respectfully Submitted,

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> William G. DeMagistris

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 9:17 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Raso's Aquafarm Application

From: Kathy Winsor [mailto:kathywinsor@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 8:47 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso's Aquafarm Application

Dear Mr. Beutel:

We would like to state our objection to Perry Raso's application to lease more of Potter Pond for aquafarm use. We feel this aquaculture farm will bring more industrial boat traffic and noise as well as greatly inhibit the enjoyment of the residents who share this pond.. Potter Pond is used a great deal by both residents and tourists for boating, fishing, clamming and skiing, . Needless to say, this will also greatly depreciate our property value.
The Village at Potter Pond property owners have been gracious neighbors in regards to Mr. Raso's existing oyster farm and feel that any additional use of the pond for that purpose is very unfair to the community. We ask that you represent our concerns to the CRMC officials.

Thank you,
Kathy & Steve Winsor
689H Succotash Rd.
South Kingstown, RI

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: 2017-12-086. Segar Cove

From: PaulsLoans [mailto:paulsloans@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:59 PM
To: Dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Fwd: 2017-12-086. Segar Cove

Correct phone. 401-529-4488

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** PaulsLoans <paulsloans@cox.net>
> **Date:** February 1, 2018 at 1:52:32 PM EST
> **To:** Dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
> **Subject: 2017-12-086. Segar Cove**
>
> I Oppose This Application Because It Denies Accessibility To My and Thousands of Other Fishermen, Clammers, Boaters and All RI Recreational Participants Who Have Used This Area Since The Beginning of Time. I Don't Oppose Aquaculture, Just The Locations That Aquaculture Denies Us Accessibility To. Paul Harrison. 836 Matunuck Beach ▪ Road. South Kingstown RI. 401-789-4488. Thank You 🙏. God Bless
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Raso's oyster farm expansion- potter pond

-----Original Message-----
From: Steven Wells [mailto:steven_b_wells@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 10:34 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Raso's oyster farm expansion- potter pond

To whom it may concern,
We are owners of a cottage on potter pond and have recently been made aware of the latest attempt for Perry Raso to expand the oyster farm in a different location on the pond. One of the reasons we purchased was to enjoy a piece of paradise and for the generations to come to do the same.
Eliminating safe areas for recreational use would be extremely disturbing and unfair to hundreds of families that have been, and plan on continuing to use the pond as it was intended, peace and pleasure.
After doing as much research as possible (which has been difficult since this is being done in the winter when we are not in Rhode Island and have only had a few days to research) we are very much AGAINST any new lease being approved. Potter Pond should remain a place for families to enjoy all the recreational activities it now has and the peace and serenity it also now has with no more commercial usage.
Steven and Kathy Wells
691 W Succotash Road

Sent from my iPhone

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Potter Pond -- Perry Raso's Oyster Farm Expansion

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From: Jennifer Powers [mailto:jennifer.powers@prudential.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 11:23 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potter Pond -- Perry Raso's Oyster Farm Expansion

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opposition to Perry Raso's Aquaculture Lease Application on Potter Pond and expansion of his oyster farm. Mr. Raso already has an oyster farm on Potter Pond which takes up a substantial section of the pond. Potter Pond is a beautiful, clean and peaceful place which our family and many others enjoy to the fullest. Kayaking, clamming, boating, water skiing, swimming, are just some of the things that we all enjoy on the pond. With Mr. Raso's existing oyster farm, a large area of the pond is not accessible for recreational use by the hundreds of families that live on the pond. To even consider his taking up more of the pond for commercial use is outrageous!! Rhode Island is a coastal community with strict laws in place to ensure it stays that way. We strongly urge you to reject this application. Mr. Raso has enough space in our pond ... let him find another pond if he feels he needs to expand. Here is a view of what his current farm looks like. Please consider the beauty as well as safety of the pond community!

Sincerely,
Donald & Jennifer Powers
691X Succotash Road
Wakefield, RI

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Aquaculture potters pond

-----Original Message-----
From: Robert Favicchio [mailto:rfavicchio@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:18 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Aquaculture potters pond

Dear Mr Beutel

I read with great dismay about the application for additional oyster farming in potters pond. While recreational boaters and fishermen have been coexisting peacefully for years, the farming has become a real thorn in the side of folks want to enjoy the water for recreation. There are so few places to comfortably and safely water ski today in that area and my family lives for those summer months where a couple of hours on the water equals the majority of our summer vacation.

With our dock at the Briggs farm marina , it has become a virtual slalom course to just do some laps with a tube behind the boat. Add in trying to be courteous to fisherman and shell fishermen and dodging jet ski riders , recreational boaters have been squeezed out enough.

Thank you for reading and please call or email anytime for additional commentary.

Robert Favicchio
31 Daytona Avenue
Narragansett

Sent from my iPhone=

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:27 AM
To: David Beutel; Brittany
Subject: FW: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

From: Mary Moriarty [mailto:mfm_boston@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:08 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

To: CRMC

From: Mrs R John Feely Jr, 120 Mt Vernon Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Date: February 2, 2018

Subject: CRMC Application/Public Notice File #2017-12-086, January 3, 2018

I am writing in opposition of the above application, submitted by Perry Raso, to establish a 3 acre oyster and scallop farm in Segar Cove.

As a homeowner at 188 Lake Avenue Matunuck, RI, my family has long enjoyed the recreational use of Potter Pond Segar Cove - since 1904!!! . My husband and I have maintained this multigenerational home for more than 50 years to ensure our children and generations to come would fully benefit from full recreational use of Potter Pond. As taxpayers in good standing, we have enjoyed watching 8 children, 16 grandchildren and soon great grandchildren learn and enjoy water adventures on Potter Pond and would oppose ANY MEASURE that restricts such broad use of this water space.

NO doubt, Perry is a successful and well deserved entrepreneur, but I firmly believe that there should be no further reduction of Potter Pond recreational water space. With each year passing, I witness MORE AND MORE traffic to Potter Pond, bringing kayaks and paddle boats in addition to small motor crafts for enjoyment. We own 2 small sailboats and look forward to many years of continued use by my family and their friends.

****Please do not allow any further commercial expansion of Potters Pond.***** Such a reduction of this space would infringe on our taxpayers total and broad use of the pond and be a total disservice!

Should this application move forward, I am requesting a PUBLIC HEARING prior to its approval.

Regards,
Constance L Feely

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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:34 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Raso's Aquafarm Application

-----Original Message-----
From: Seana Marcks [mailto:seana410@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 10:48 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso's Aquafarm Application

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> Dear Mr. Beutel,
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> We oppose Perry Raso's application to lease more of Potter Pond for aqua-farming.

> We have family and friends as Potter Pond property owners and they have accepted Mr. Raso's existing oyster farm. However, an aqua-farm expansion would infringe on the peaceful environment they've worked so hard to earn and likely reduce their property values. Additional use of the pond for aqua-farm expansion is simply unfair to this hardworking community. Please relay our concerns to the CRMC officials.
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Sincerely,
> Seana and Wes Marcks
> 85 West Street
East Greenwich RI 02818
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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:35 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Comment on New Lease for Oyster Farm on Potter Pond

From: Michael McCracken [mailto:mmccracken1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 8:30 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Michael McCracken
Subject: Comment on New Lease for Oyster Farm on Potter Pond

Dear Mr. Beutel:

I happened to see in the Narragansett Times that someone has applied for a new lease to expand their oyster farming on Potter Pond. I would like to say that I for one do not support this new lease. I sail and fish Potter Pond and hate to see another restricted area. I recognize that these leases are written such that other water activities should be able to take place, but in reality when the surface water is set with columns, gear, rope, buoys and anchors there isn't much that can be done except grow shellfish.

Please consider my concerns.

Regards,

Michael McCracken, 68 Franks Neck Rd, Narragansett RI 02882

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:35 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Potter Pond

-----Original Message-----
From: dtresca411@gmail.com [mailto:dtresca411@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 8:25 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Potter Pond

Dear Mr. Beutel:

We would like to state our objection to Perry Raso's application to lease more of Potter Pond for aquafarm use. We feel this aquaculture farm will bring more industrial boat traffic and noise as well as greatly inhibit the enjoyment of the residents who share this pond.. Potter Pond is used a great deal by both residents and tourists for boating, fishing, clamming and skiing, . Needless to say, this will also greatly depreciate everyone's property value.
The Village at Potter Pond property owners have been gracious neighbors in regards to Mr. Raso's existing oyster farm and feel that any additional use of the pond for that purpose is very unfair to the community. We ask that you represent our concerns to the CRMC officials.

Thank you,
Diane & Sal Tresca
Arbeth Ave
Narragansett , RI 02879

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:36 AM
To: Brittany; David Beutel
Subject: FW: File Number 2017-12-086 : Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond : Objection

From: Noble, Mary [mailto:Mary.Noble@fidelity.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:19 AM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: File Number 2017-12-086 : Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond : Objection

Hello,

I object to to **File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application.**

My husband and I moor a 16-foot boat on **Segar Cove, Potter Pond**. The proposed **Rasp Application**, **Segar Cove, Potter Pond** will significantly reduce our families ability of recreationally enjoyment of boating, fishing, swimming, quahog and navigating the pond for fun. **Raso Application**, **Segar Cove, Potter Pond** alterations will unreasonably interfere and significantly impact existing public access for countless individuals and families who currently enjoy the serenity and beauty of this public natural resource.

I object to the proposal as it will reduce and deny access and water navigation in this area, as the proposal is a major infringement of public use.

I object to 2017-12-086, Raso application.

Regards,

Mary Noble

Mailing address:
40 Edgewater Drive
Blackstone, MA 01504
(617) 680-6157

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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Aquaculture leases

From: Paul Chaset [mailto:PaulChaset@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:42 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Aquaculture leases

It's time to slow down and preserve our salt ponds for ALL Rhode Islanders. The unlimited conversion of public waters for private gain does not serve the public interest. Enough is enough. It's time to cap this activity.

Paul Chaset

Narragansett

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 8:35 AM
To: David Beutel; Brittany
Subject: FW: Raso Application 2017-12-086

From: Carole Rollins [mailto:konahonu1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 8:27 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso Application 2017-12-086

To whom this may concern,

The salt ponds of Rhode Island are unique in their nature, serving many purposes habitat, industry and a place of recreation for both locals and tourists.
Having grown up along the coast of southern Rhode Island and summering for 53 years in Matunuck, I have spent a majority of that time in Segar Cove and Potter Pond. I can say that that experience has truly impacted me and who I have become today. Potter Pond and all coastal ponds serve a certain value for those that enjoy and work them.
Mr. Raso has done a phenomenal job of creating a business that not only nourishes a community but has also brought attention to issues such as climate change, habitat degradation, and water quality on the Rhode Island coastline. His efforts put forth through education and involvement in the community are commendable and innovative
But the addition of another aquaculture farm, File number (2017-12-086), is not necessary nor should it be allowed within Potter Pond.
My family has moored a boat in Segar Cove for over 50 years. It has changed very little except for the increased people enjoying this area yearly. That particular area of Potter Pond is prone to boat traffic during the better part of the summer. Summer days are difficult to navigate your boat amongst the tubers, water skiers and non power vessels. Segar Cove is not very large and the addition of the farm would cause increased congestion to an already small pond. I foresee some potential hazards and it should not be allowed.
I understand that Rhode Island's aquaculture industry has been expanding over the last decade, leading to more jobs and money into small local economies like Matunuck. But at what point does the ability to use the waters ways, that the public isentitled to, get overpopulated with industry.

I strongly oppose the creation of the aquaculture farm File number (2017-12-086)and request a hearing. The farm expansion **will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming and navigation. It will create increased congestion and is a hazard to those enjoying Segar Cove.**

Sincerely,

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Application 2017-12-086

-----Original Message-----
From: wdbianchi@gmail.com [mailto:wdbianchi@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 11:53 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Application 2017-12-086

I am opposed to this application for scallop and oyster farming in potters pond. I like matunuck oysters. Love Perry's raw scallops and eat at his restaurant all the time. But enough already! Potter's pond is not just for Perry but for all of the community to enjoy and SHARE. Please deny this application and future attempts to take control of more area in Potters Pond William Bianchi
66 Daytona Avenue
Narragansett RI 02882

Sent from my iPhone=

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 11:02 AM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Objection to CRMC Application 2017-12-086

-----Original Message-----
From: Grover Fugate [mailto:gfugate@crmc.ri.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 11:00 AM
To: 'Dave Beutel'; 'Lisa Turner'
Subject: FW: Objection to CRMC Application 2017-12-086

Grover J. Fugate
Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council
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Web address- http://www.crmc.ri.gov

-----Original Message-----
From: Kimberly Dion [mailto:kaalmad@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 6:30 AM
To: gfugate@crmc.ri.gov; sen-sosnowski@rilegislature.ri.gov; rep-fogarty@rilegislature.ri.gov; rep-filippi@legislature.ri.gov
Subject: Objection to CRMC Application 2017-12-086

To Whom It May Concern,

We wish to register an objection to Pery Raso's application (2017-12-086) to enlarge his oyster farm by an additional 7 acres in Potter Pond. As homeowners of a summer vacation home on Potter Pond we frequent Mr. Raso's restaurant and appreciate his hard work and dedication to his business. However, we have also had to clean up the remnants of the oyster farm (floating ropes and two oyster grids) that inevitably happen. We have had the prop of our boat entangled in the rope attached to one of these grids. While we do understand that this is a potential hazard of recreational activities in a pond that also houses an oyster farm, we do not wish to increase the risk of damage to boaters, kayakers, and swimmers.

We are also concerned about the loss of recreational boating and kayaking activity due to the increased size of the oyster farm as well as the potential loss of property value due to this requested increase in space in Potter Pond. We ask that all involved parties consider the effect of this

Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:25 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Lease application Number 2017-12-086

From: Copy of Nancy's [mailto:nomorton@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 12:13 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Lease application Number 2017-12-086

Good Afternoon Mr. Beutel,

I am writing to voice my concern over Perry Raso's lease application number 2017-12-086. My husband and I are property owners on Potter Pond and just learned about this application from going on a neighborhood website called Nextdoor.com.

First, I am very disappointed that we learned about this request through such an informal mechanism as a neighborhood website. We recently wanted to add a shed to our property and had to send out certified letters to any neighbor within 200 feet of our home (about 30 letters) to notify them of our plans and give them an opportunity to voice their opinion at a Town Council Meeting. This was a hassle as well as an expense for us, but it assured that all neighbors on Potter Pond were aware that we were requesting this addition to our personal property. I find it amazing that Perry Raso is looking to take over 3 more acres of a seemingly "public" pond and he does not need to go though a similar procedure to notify property owners around the pond and allow discussion on this application.

Second, we, like many on the pond, own a seasonal home and do not live in South Kingstown in the winter. I find the timing of his application request to be somewhat suspect given that this is the case.

Thirdly, we knew Potter Pond before Perry Raso received approval for his first application and that area is now off limits to boaters, clammers and kayakers. It seems allowing one business owner to profit from the pond is not equitable and I hope that he will not be allowed to monopolize any more of our beautiful pond.

Before any action is action is taken on the application I hope that the town/state will notify all property owners and advertise the application in a town newspaper and hold a public hearing so we can all be educated on the plan and voice our opinions.

Thanks so much,

Nancy Morton
64 Windswept Drive
SK
508-369-7897

Brittany Spurlock

From: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:40 PM
To: David Beutel; Brittany
Subject: FW: Perry Raso application for additional space on Potter Pond

From: Rita Faucher [mailto:rfaucher@optonline.net]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:21 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Raso application for additional space on Potter Pond

I have just been made aware of this application. I am a summer residence at 58 Windswept Drive on Potter Pond and am very upset that Mr. Raso wants to develop more shellfish farming on the pond. I am opposed to this as our pond will not be the boating experience with all the traps, etc.

Rita Faucher
58 Windswept Drive
East Matunuck, RI

Mailing address:

3 Larkspur Lane
Norwalk, CT 06850

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Brittany Spurlock

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Brittany Spurlock
Subject: FW: Perry Raso"s application for more acreage on Potter Pond

From: Rita Faucher [mailto:rfaucher@optonline.net]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:26 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry Raso"s application for more acreage on Potter Pond

I have been a resident on Potter Pond for 29 years and am opposed to have Mr. Raso obtaining more acreage on our pond. This will definitely limit our boating on the pond. Please take in consideration all the homeowners who enjoy out beautiful pond.

If you need to contact me, I live in Connecticut during the winter at the following address:

Rita Faucher
3 Larkspur Lane
West Norwalk, CT 06850
203-847-9505

Thank you.

cstaff1

From: Dr. Jane Feely <dr.janefeely@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:09 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: File# 2017-12-086 Raso Application

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the proposed farm on Potters Pond requested by Perry Raso. My family's home at 188 Lake Ave has been there since 1904. The pond has been a huge part of being in Matunuck for me. Growing up, we enjoyed the recreational aspects of the pond all summer long.

My four children, 18 and under, use the pond and would like to continue using the pond without limiting the area available. They swim across the pond and sail on the pond. They would like to be able to waterski and use the access to the ocean for fishing. With a very busy town beach and shrinking beach access in Matunuck, I feel that it is more important than ever that access to all parts of the pond be available to everyone!

Sincerely,
Jane G Feely DMD Sent from my iPhone

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From:	RICHARD MCCURDY <ram721@verizon.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:49 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application

File # 2017-12-086
CRMC

Richard McCurdy
6 Sunset view Blvd
Wakefield RI 02879
401-789-4825

Dear Sir/Madam
I (Richard McCurdy) would like to object to Mr Raso's requested expansion of 3 additional acres to his oyster farm on Potter pond (File #2017-12-086). I request a hearing to express my concern on the matter. My parent's built a house on 264 Prospect Rd in 1962, and for the past 52 years my and my brother's family have used and enjoyed Potter Pond. Mr Raso already farm's a substantial portion of the pond, an area that in the past was enjoyed by all in the area for clamming and boating. Now that is lost to us, and now he wants more.
Where does it end? This area that he requests is not only used by all for boating, kayaking etc. but is also a prime spot to clam. There also seems to be an increase in seaweed, as well as litter in the form of mesh and pipe along the shore, making a mess of the area.
The enclosed area Mr Raso is requesting would only exacerbate this problem as his nets would further inhibit what little natural flow the area already has. Perhaps Mr Raso should request the area in front of his house at the other end of the pond in what is known as "Ski Pond" at the Rt 1 end.
Thank you for your consideration,
Richard McCurdy 401-789-4825

Please feel free to contact me
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From: thewezzer <thewezzer@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:22 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application

To CRMS
My name is John Samolinski, I am President of the Narragansett Saltwater Fishing Club located at 1030 Matunuck Beach Rd South Kingstown RI on Seaweed Cove. We are made up of 140 members. We utilize the back ponds for fishing, kayaking, clamming, water skiing and family outing. We have 8 members that have moorings on Seaweed Cove and many members that bring their motor boats down and tie up to our dock for the summer while they are at the club house and many more who bring their boats down for the day.. This is our only waterway out to the open waters. It can be difficult going thru the channel out to the ocean normally, we need to time our outings with the tide so not to run a ground. We are not against Mr Raso farming but feel he could find a better location so all could enjoy the waters. In the interest of the club and as an e-board member boat access and the fish must be protected as much as we appreciate his farming activity. The proposed farm would certainly impede and interfere with public access to, navigation of and recreational use of these waters.

I object to 2017-12-086, Raso.

Sincerely
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From:	bilden@cox.net
Sent:	Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:46 PM
To:	cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject:	Request for hearing concerning Application of Perry Raso-CRMC P.N. File 2017-12-086, for extension of oyster farm into Segar Cove
Attachments:	1-31-2018 crmc request for hearing-2.docx

From: William G. DeMagistris
83 Prospect Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
tel. 401-782-8284, cell 401-480-6152

To: Coastal Resources Management Council

Honorable Council Members:

My wife and I oppose this application and request a hearing thereon because the granting of this application and the establishment of an oyster farm in Segar Cove would detrimentally affect and dangerously interfere with the recreational uses and activities regularly engaged in by citizens on Segar Cove

For almost 15 years my wife and I have resided, year round, at our 83 Prospect Road home which fronts on Seaweed Cove in Potter Pond. We have a dock on Seaweed Cove. Over the years we and our family and friends have operated our 18 ft. Edgewater out board, RI license # 19352, Kayaks, sail boards, and engaged in shell fishing, water skiing, tubing, and swimming in Segar Cove. I have observed many others engaging in such activities on Segar Cove, and such activity has increased over the years. Based upon that experience and my observations I firmly believe that the extension of Mr. Raso's oyster farm into Segar Cove by constricting and reducing the area now available for recreational use would detrimentally affect and interfere with the citizens" recreational use of Segar Cove and substantially increase the liklihood of accidents and collisions involving those engaging in such activities. I find Mr. Raso's representations concerning the extent of recreational use to be untrue and dramatically understated.
> > > Please enter my comments contained herein and attached letter into the record of this application and the hearing thereof. I also join in and incorporate herein by reference the position and submissions regarding this application submitted by Robert Hefner of 231 Sycamore Lane, Wakefield, RI 02879.

Respectfully Submitted,

William G. DeMagistris

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From: Teresa Dillon <tmdillon1108@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 3:30 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application

Teresa Dillon
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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: File Number 2017-12-086, Raso Application, Segar Cove, Potter Pond

Hello and good day.

I am writing in regards to the Raso Application for a proposed farm on Segar Cove, Potter Pond. I am in objection to the development of this farm and would like to request a hearing.

I am concerned about the legalities of a commercial farm taking over a popular recreational area for the profit of one individual and I believe the main issue is the infringement of the public use of these waters.

Generations of families have been coming to the waters of Matunuck/East Matunuck for decades. It is a place where as a child I was fortunate to explore and learn about the local wildlife and where unforgettable memories have been made. We continue to enjoy our time on the pond and now that I am a parent, I am thrilled to give my son the same opportunity to discover how amazing it is for himself.

We use the pond every single day, and that is why this proposed farm would be a terrible idea because the alteration will result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce, and; this public domain will limit the activities that bring so many families to the area every summer. Our family personally moors a 21' boat off our dock for the purpose of entertaining the friends and family that come to visit by taking them tubing, water skiing, or just for a joy ride. Countless hours are spent kayaking, paddle boarding, or fishing. It is unconscionable to think that this could be taken away for the profit of one individual whose success was largely created by the support of this very community that he is trying to exploit.

Furthermore, the alteration or activity of this farm will result in significant impacts on erosion and/or deposition processes along the shore and in tidal waters; the alteration will unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore; and the alteration will result in significant impacts on the abundance and diversity of plant and animal life;

In conclusion, due to the few benefits that this proposed farm will bring, I urge you to seriously consider our request for a hearing to further discuss our concerns.

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From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:43 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Protest of lease application

-----Original Message-----
From: celeste tellier [mailto:tellier.celeste@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 8:25 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Protest of lease application

Dear Mr. Beutel,

I am in protest of lease application number 2017-12-086; the expansion of Mr. Raso's aquaculture farm in Segar Cove in South Kingstown's Potter Pond. I do not support the expansion of his business at the expense of so many recreational users, myself included. Mr. Raso presently controls several acres of our beautiful pond. The industrialization of the pond for his profit has to stop. The timing of Mr. Raso's application for expansion speaks volumes for his disregard for those who would most likely be in opposition of his expansion. Enough is enough NOW.

I had the privilege of growing up on "the pond". I learned to swim there, learned to sail the pond's inlets, enjoyed tubing the channel, fishing on its shores and the art of "hogging" in the shallows. It saddens me to see what is happening to my beloved Potter Pond. I am presently in private negotiations to purchase my dream home on the pond. Please don't let greed exploit dreams. Deny this application once and for all before the beauty is gone.

Sincerely,

Celeste Tellier
(401)822-2558

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Raso lease application
Attachments: raso lease objection 1-19-18.docx

From: Gary Wetmore [mailto:garywmore@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 1:18 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Raso lease application

Dear Mr Beutel,

I am e mailing you to follow up on a letter I submitted to your office last week. I have attached this letter to the e mail.

First, I would like to say that I have been a commercial fisherman/shellfisherman my entire life, mostly in CT. MY father and grandfather were also commercial fishermen. I can trace my fathers side of the family back five generations as licensed oystermen in CT and New York. I bring this up because I want to stress that I understand the commercial end of the business and understand the desire for Mr. Raso to expand his operation.

I do not oppose Mr. Raso in his operations nor am I against commercial fishing and shellfishing in general. I do oppose the location identified in this application. Part of this reason is because it is very close and in plain view of my house at 282 Prospect Road. So yes, part of my opposing this site is the classic "not in my back yard" argument. It will impact my view and the work will have an impact on the serenity of the area. I am not sure if this a valid argument but it is a reality. The cages, lines and buoys utilized are very obvious. Also, there will be noise associated with the operation which I feel is not appropriate for a residential neighborhood.

I want to stress that there are a lot of users of Segar Cove and in the exact location of the requested lease. These are detailed in my letter. The massive amount of surface gear will completely stop the use of this area and condense the current users into a smaller area.

I just want to add that the paperwork I have seen on this application requests that anyone responding to oppose the lease state what laws the lease would violate. I am not a lawyer and not familiar with all of the laws and local ordinances so I did not specifically identify any particular law(s).

Certainly there are quality of life issues for adjoining and nearby properties as well as limiting the use of the cove to only one operator in the area of the lease. Segar Cove is rather deep water compared to most of the pond and as a result there are many users of the cove, not only the neighbors.

If you feel a site visit to my house would help with determining the visual impact this would have and how close it is to our home I am always available.

In closing, I thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. I am confident I will not be the only person opposing this lease application and trust that you will give all concerns the proper consideration in making your determination as to whether or not this is a suitable location for the requested lease.

Best regards,

Gary K. Wetmore
203-313-9220

Lisa Turner

From: Susan <setietze@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: Re: potter pond

my name and address: susan tietze 76 sherman rd wakefield ri 02879. thank you
On Jan 26, 2018, at 8:50 AM, Lisa Turner <lturner@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

> Good Morning Susan: Thank you for your response to the CRMC Public Notice for aquaculture in Potter Pond/Segar Cove.
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> If you would like to be notified of upcoming meeting/hearings regarding this particular application, please reply with your USPS mailing address. Thank you.
>
> Lisa A. Turner
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> From: Susan [mailto:setietze@gmail.com]
> Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 5:12 PM
> To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
> Subject: potter pond
>
> Yes I do think you should deny permits for aquaculture in Potter Pond/Segar Cove that would be in the way of recreational use of the area. If we don't protect our recreational areas from business encroachment we are the losers.
> thank you=
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Lisa Turner

From: council@crmc.ri.gov
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Jeff Willis; David Beutel
Cc: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Public Notice File 2017-12-086

For the file.

From: Margaret Schwab [mailto:mas7614@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 6:16 PM
To: council@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Fwd: Public Notice File 2017-12-086

-----Original Message-----
From: Margaret Schwab <mas7614@verizon.net>
To: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.r.i.gov>
Sent: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 5:53 pm
Subject: Fwd: Public Notice File 2017-12-086

-----Original Message-----
From: Margaret Schwab <mas7614@verizon.net>
To: cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.r.i.gov.>
Sent: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 5:30 pm
Subject: Public Notice File 2017-12-086

Margaret a. Schwab
150 Lake Avenue
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879-6627
401-783-8322

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road,Suite 3
Wakefield, Rhode island 02879-1900

Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the Raso Application,Segar Cove, Potter Pond,Reference File Number:2017-12-086.

I am a full time resident of Matunuck,Rhode Island. This property has been owned by my family since 1948.
This is not a commercial area. This is a residential area.

Potter Pond is a beautiful natural area and offers many recreational opportunities for the community, including swimming,fishing,
boating,paddle boarding, and sailing. Limiting this area for these activities for a commercial business is inappropriate, and possibly not legal.

Mr. Raso is not well informed if he believes this area is not used regularly for recreational activities. Mr. Raso's agenda is financial in nature.
Mr. Raso appears to have no concern for the citizens of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.

The Matunuck Oyster Farm has been given a generous portion of Potter Pond for business. Enough is enough!

Let us be prudent about our natural resources. Let us think of future generations by protecting our ponds in in South Kingstown, Rhode Island.

I am opposed to the Raso Application, Segar Cove,Potter Pond,Reference File Number 2017-12-086.
I am requesting a hearing concerning this application. Please advise.

Sincerely,
Margaret A. Schwab

warming temperatures help the cinder worms emerge. It's an annual event that mark arrival of striped bass of all sizes in Potter's Pond. It's a bitter-sweet exchange between the angler and nature. What is the most appropriate presentation to cast during this event? Fly-tiers even have an event at the Kettle Bottom Visitor Center in Charlestown preceding the event to help anglers from NE to maximize their catch and release in Potter's Pond. (They buy things and add to the economy too - regardless of if they enjoy petit oysters and scallops)

I have enclosed an email from RISAA Kayak group about one such outing. This was from the first outing I have attended in Potters Pond. (2011) We are currently looking for photographic evidence of these trips, for your consideration as well. RISSA's Political Action Committee has as a gold member ($200 +) Mr. Rod Raso - and I am attempting to reach out to Rod about this permit and to provide any photos he has about the cinder worm hatch.

Perhaps the lease could have a conditional caveat that the gear will not be set out until June 1st.

Potter's Pond does indeed offer scenic and recreational space for kayakers - as listed in the Salt Pond Coalitions Paddle Maps Guide. Linked here.

http://www.saltpondscoalition.org/PaddleMaps/SPC%20Kayak%20Guide.pdf

Until only recently, the cove had been iced over. The CRMC buoys were not visible to gather ground truth data when CRMC issued the notification via email.
Has there been any consideration about weather conditions preventing the public to establish a site visit as suggested by CRMC - when an application is submitted in late December? Shouldn't public notification coincide with the placing of the buoys - for that would have to have been in place prior to the CRMC stamp of the application.

The objection is tied to Objections: Reference 1.1.4 Category B - G. Substantive Objections (formerly 110.3) c. 5 "scenic and/or recreation values.

Certified letters to CRMC staff will follow prior to the deadline.

Sincerely,

Phil Capaldi
15 Baneberry Trail
Saunderstown, RI
02874
401-413-3336

From: RISAA-Kayak@yahoogroups.com [mailto:RISAA-Kayak@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of David Pollack
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 11:46 PM
To: RISAA Kayak Committee
Subject: [RISAA-Kayak] May 18 Outing at Potter Pond

The Cinder Worms have begun their annual emergence, and with some decent warm weather should be popping up at Potter Pond by May 18. I have never fished Potter Pond for the cinder worm emergence, in part because of the difficulty of access, but we have solved the access problem by arranging for launching and parking at Wakamo Park resort. Jim Barr is familiar with the pond (as are others of our number) and we will be fortunate if he can make it to this outing.

We will meet in front of the ShoreLine Realty office, 697 Succotash Road in South Kingstown (opposite Captain Jack's restaurant). You will be able to drive down to the launching area, and then return to park your vehicles in the Shoreline parking lot. If that lot is full, parking across the street, especially if you plan to have a bite at Captain Jack's, should be available.

I plan to be at the Shoreline parking lot by 4 PM, and to launch by 5 PM. If you arrive after that, unload your kayak at the ramp, park, and then launch and look for kayaks on the pond. It's difficult - impossible - to predict with certainty where the worms will pop up, but look for sea birds and swans. Absent those signs I will paddle North. A Google Earth shot of Potter pond is being sent under separate cover.

I am very excited about this outing. Our first outing was a real "ice breaker" and the second was blown away by the weather, but this one should have much better weather - and I love fishing for stripers during the famous Rhode island worm hatch!

Please let me know whether you plan to attend, so that I will have a rough idea of how room we will need for our vehicles.

cc Art Ganz
Richard Sartor
Janet Coit
Conservation Law Foundation

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:44 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Opposition to Raso Application of File # 2017-12-086
Attachments: Public Notice Response.docx

From: Jane Enos [mailto:gjenos@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2018 1:39 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Opposition to Raso Application of File # 2017-12-086

Dear Mr. Beutel,

As a third generation resident on Potter Pond, we wanted to share with you our views and concerns regarding the Perry Raso application to increase control of an additional 3 acres in Segar Cove on Potter Pond. Enclosed please find our letter of opposition which will be shared with our state and local representatives along with the CRM Council members.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions and or concerns or would like further information.

Regards,

Gary Enos and Jane Keane Enos

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 8:37 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Application of Perry Raso, File 2017-12-086 Potter Pond

From: rbergonzi@aol.com [mailto:rbergonzi@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:19 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Application of Perry Raso, File 2017-12-086 Potter Pond

TO: Mr. Dave Beutel

FROM: Mary and Rino Bergonzi
2464B Commodore Perry Highway
Wakefield, RI 02879

RE: Application of Perry Raso, File 2017-12-086
Aquaculture - New Oyster Farm on Potters Pond

We are concerned about the effect this will have on the PUBLIC USE of Potters Pond by boaters and others with this additional oyster/scallop farm by Mr. Raso. We have a 17' Boston Whaler and use it almost exclusively in Potters Pond where we dock it on our property at the north end of the pond. We have children and grandchildren who visit us and use the pond for boating, swimming, tubing, kayaking, etc. Since the breachway is very difficult to get through a lot of the time, we stay in Potters Pond and would not like to see the water more compromised by additional equipment so boating, etc. will be even more difficult.

As we have seen, Mr. Raso keeps expanding everywhere and we are concerned that in this instance he will make it more difficult for all of us to enjoy using Potters Pond. This comes solely under your domain so we urge you to make sure that the public use of the water in Potters Pond is not more compromised. It would seem with workers going to and from the area, working there, etc., and all the equipment that is required to stay in the water, that it would certainly make a difference.

Please take this into consideration when your group meets to decide on the application.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mary and Rino Bergonzi

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:44 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Aquaculture Farm

-----Original Message-----
From: Katherine Jacques [mailto:kayjacques88@icloud.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 7:16 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Aquaculture Farm

Good morning Dave,
As the manager of the Wakamo Park Homeowners Association of The Village at Potter Pond, I represent 71 home owners that have expressed great concern about this Aquaculture Farm proposed by Perry Raso .
I left you a detailed voice message on Saturday and would appreciate a call back at 781-223-3429.

Thank you in advance ,
Kathie Jacques
WPHOA Manager

Lisa Turner

From: Katherine Jacques <kayjacques88@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Dave Beutel
Cc: Grover Fugate; Lisa Turner
Subject: Re: Aquaculture Farm Raso

Dear Dave Beutel,

ThAnk you very much for returning my call this morning Jan. 29,2018.
I appreciate the informative information regarding the aquaculture industry, specifically Perry Raso's application .
I want to reemphasize that my email to you this past weekend as well as our conversation today be docketed as objections to Raso's application on behalf of the 71 homeowners at The Village of Potter Pond.

Respectfully,
Kathie Jacques
WPHOA Manager
41 Hancock Road
Needham, MA 02492
781-223-3429

> On Jan 29, 2018, at 10:10 AM, Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:
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> Please see the attached application. Please provide your mailing
> address if you wish to receive written notifications. The e-mail
> address requested are in the cc line. Thank you.
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> Dave
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> David Beutel
> Coastal Resources Management Council
> Aquaculture Coordinator
> Oliver Stedman Government Center
> 4808 Tower Hill Road
> Wakefield, RI 02879
> 401-783-3370
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> Kathie Jacques
> WPHOA Manager
> <2018 Raso Potter Pond.pdf>

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Re Potter pond Aquaculture

From: Karl Wadensten [mailto:KWadensten@vibco.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:11 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Re Potter pond Aquaculture

I am Karl Wadensten , Resident of potters pond since 1974 , And have grown up on this pond and raise a family second generation on the pond. As well Commerce RI board member, And Lean steering Committee member for the state. And business owner in the state.

With that being said I am very sad at what is happening to a pond that we all boat swim sail and fish on, As RI is the Ocean state, We are short changing our experience to use the water ways and competing with the aquaculture. I would love the chance to speak to you and share our concerns. And the timing of this message during the winter months when many of the people are away and not tuned in to their backyard and what is happening. This is one of the reasons RI gets a bad name of transparency of messaging for the people that need to know. It comes to late .

My office number is 401-539-2392 and my cell is 401-864-5113

Thanks
Karl W

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Karl Wadensten
400 Sycamore Lane
Wakefield, RI 02879

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:47 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: lease application 2017-12-086

-----Original Message-----
From: Donna McBurney [mailto:dlmcburney@cox.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 8:23 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Re: lease application 2017-12-086

Dear Mr. Beutel -

Fortunately I read the article on page D4 of this past Friday's issue of the Narragansett Times regarding Perry Raso's petition to grow shellfish in Segar Cove, South Kingstown in time to make a public comment in opposition to Perry's proposal.

A very dear friend of mine has a house on Segar Cove and I have spent many lovely summer days enjoying the peacefulness found sitting on her porch, walking to the end of her dock and admiring the water fowl, enjoying a boat ride, and in my younger days, water skiing in the cove. It truly is a magical place! As years went by, my children have also visited and enjoyed all that Segar Cove has to offer. More recently, my grandchildren have visited my friend there as well and can hardly wait to go back this summer.
The magic of Segar Cove has persisted through three generations!

And that is just one house, one friendship, and one story. There are many more residents of the Matunuck area and especially those who are fortunate to have water front property on the cove who enjoy Segar Cove for so many activities. And sometimes they enjoy it, just as I have, for sitting, relaxing, and appreciating the lovely peacefulness and watching the wildlife and waterfowl that call it home.

I have been a resident of Rhode Island for 73 years, of South County for 52 years, of South Kingstown for 38 years. I admire and appreciate all that local entrepreneurs bring to our community and always wish them success.
When Perry was starting his organic gardens, I sold him Guinea fowl chicks that I had hatched and raised in my kitchen to provide him with safe,
natural, organic pest control. Nevertheless, there is a line to be drawn
between their desire for advancement and the need to preserve and protect our amazing, beautiful natural resources that attract so many to Rhode Island in general and South Kingstown in particular.

Segar Cove does not need aquaculture cluttering it and preventing so many of us from enjoying its beauty. It needs protection and preservation.

Respectfully,

Donna L. McBurney

40 Potter Lane
Kingston, RI 02881

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 7:47 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: Perry raso segar cove proposal

-----Original Message-----
From: Cody Carpenter [mailto:carpentersfarmwholesale@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 12:37 PM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Perry raso segar cove proposal

David, my name is Cody carpenter from carpenters farm in matunuck RI.
I am contacting you in regards to perry rassos proposal to expand into segar cove .
Myself (along with many other members of my family and community), Are against this proposal. I demand a hearing on the matter for the rights of many locals and supporters of the community who are against this proposal.
There is plenty of water elsewhere for him to expand, no need to take away from recreational users of this limited space as it is already, from members of the community ,along with generations of family's that have enjoyed this sacred piece of water we call home , for many more years than he had even been around.

Sincerely,
Cody M Carpenter
520 matunuck beach road
South kingstown, RI, 02879
401-741-2288

Sent from my iPhone=

Lisa Turner 2017-12-086

From: Robert Hefner <bob.hefner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 8:13 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Cc: Robert C. Zarnetske; wirons39@cox.net; Lisa Turner; Colleen Camp; Kevin Hunt; Bill Demo; Karl Wadensten; silverfoxri118@yahoo.com; tmurphy@southkingstownri.com; Harbor Master
Subject: Re: Perry Raso Application

Thank you Mr. Beutel for your clarification and correcting my misunderstanding. This is my first time with such a hearing and the impact of it, if approved, will be so detrimental to recreational boating in Segar that I wanted the most informed people to have the ability to speak.
Appreciatively
Bob Hefner

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 25, 2018, at 8:03 AM, Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

> The premise of this letter about CRMC preventing Mr. Stach and Ms. Murphy from participating in any manner is incorrect.. They both have the continued opportunity to contact CRMC and provide comments. Mr. Stach and I have worked together on a number of topics in the past and have clear communications. Anyone that attends a public hearing on this application has the opportunity to speak. There will be a public hearing on this application but it has not yet been scheduled. Please note that the Town of South Kingstown received the preliminary determination application for this site on September 20, 2017. The opportunity to comment on the preliminary determination was held open until December 4, 2017. The full application was sent for public notice on January 3, 2018 with the public comment period ending on February 2, 2018.
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> David Beutel
> Coastal Resources Management Council
> Aquaculture Coordinator
> Oliver Stedman Government Center
> 4808 Tower Hill Road
> Wakefield, RI 02879
> 401-783-3370
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> **From:** Robert Hefner [mailto:bob.hefner@hotmail.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:24 PM
> **To:** Robert C. Zarnetske; wirons39@cox.net
> **Cc:** Colleen Camp; Kevin Hunt; Bill Demo; Karl Wadensten; silverfoxri118@yahoo.com; tmurphy@southkingstownri.com; dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov; Harbor Master
> **Subject:** Re: Perry Raso Application
>
> Many thanks for the efforts the town has extended to protect the recreational rights and activities of townspeople. I

While I may be incorrect I have been told that unless Mr. Stach sends a short letter (a proposed copy I have included in a previous email) he will not be allowed to SPEAK at a CRMC hearing, nor would Teresa Murphy.

I for one have requested a hearing and already have sent my certified, return receipt, post off to CRMC. I am told that numerous other SK taxpayers will also be requesting a hearing. Therefore, there will be a hearing.

Mr. Stach will likely be the KEY most informed individual whose job duties require that he be aware of boating activity and safety on Segar Cove to present his views to CRMC. His professional opinion , as Harbor Master, on the very high level or recreational boating activity in the area of the lease will be the most credible evidence. Mr. Raso says the activity is non existent, most of us who use Segar all the time, know that is not true.
Ms. Murphy is also a very important presenter.

If CRMC disallows their ability to speak at the meeting because they did not request in writing to attend and speak it will be a great failing for the town.
I have copied Mr David Beutel, CRMC Project engineer assigned to this project. Mr. Beutel, would you kindly reply to this email and let us know if Mr Stach and Ms Murphy will be allowed to testify at the hearing if they do not reply in writing to CRMC before Feb 2, or, if they must post a letter by the deadline in order to be heard.

The RI Econ Dev committee has awarded Mr. Raso the funds to create this endeavor, (talk about salt in the wound) however, the minutes of the meeting where the grant was approved mentions nothing about the fact that the project would rob towns people of their historical abilities to enjoy recreational water activities on Potter's pond.

I have read the minutes, and include on this email Karl Wadensten a member of the Econ Dev Commission who attended the meeting and voted for the grant to Mr. Raso.. for his recollection. Any reference Mr. Raso had concerning the site of the proposed venture which was specified in the minutes referred to across from Matunuck in a Marina that Mr. Raso has purchased (the marina that abuts Capt Jack's restaurant). I note that the committee was informed that the project was to be conducted in a property "that he purchased... across from Matunuck, which WAS a marina, where he hopes to develop a commercial shellfish and seaweed hatchery". Unless Mr. Raso had contacted the town to re zone the property he purchased from a Mariana to aquaculture, then I suspect this is yet another "blurring of the lines" by Mr. Raso. His filing in the dead of winter in January when recreational boating issues are not on the minds of residents, begets a shiftiness notable to Washington, DC and not to South Kingstown.

Please contact CRMC to determine if Mr Stach and Ms. Murphy must petition in writing to attend in order to speak, but, better yet, why not a simple one page letter to CRMC indicating they have salient information to share on the issue.

Thankfully and appreciatively,
Bob Hefner
Attached please see minutes of the RI Econ Dev committee that awarded the grant to Mr. Raso to fund his venture in our towns recreational waters.

Lisa Turner

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: PUBLIC NOTICE #2017-12-086

From: Dave Armstrong [mailto:irunalot38@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 8:39 AM
To: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Richard Kollmeyer; johneuhl@hotmail.com
Subject: PUBLIC NOTICE #2017-12-086

Mr. Beutel,
I am writing you to express my NEGITIVE opinion to the expansion of Perry Raso's oyster farms in Segar Cove. I believe that this will have NEGITIVE impact with the recreational use of the pond. I find it hard to understand how this would be allowed. He has a huge chunk of the pond and that area cannot be used by people recreationally. Please take all that I have said seriously. Mr. Raso seems to want to fill OUR ponds with his oyster farms!!!!
Thank you,
David Armstrong
174 Peninsula Rd
South Kingstown, RI
401-741-9670

Lisa Turner 2017-12-086 Raso

From: Dave Beutel <dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 8:48 AM
To: Lisa Turner
Subject: FW: [RISAA-Kayak] Potters Pond - Seeking Photos of Segar Cove [1 Attachment]
Attachments: 2018 Raso Potter Pond.pdf

From: Susan Estabrook [mailto:susan@ysrinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Dave Beutel
Subject: FW: [RISAA-Kayak] Potters Pond - Seeking Photos of Segar Cove [1 Attachment]

Dave, FYI you may already be aware.
Thanks,
Susan

From: RISAA-Kayak@yahoogroups.com [mailto:RISAA-Kayak@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 8:08 AM
To: RISAA Kayak Committee
Subject: [RISAA-Kayak] Potters Pond - Seeking Photos of Segar Cove [1 Attachment]

Dear RISAA-Kayak Group,

I wanted to make RISAA-Kayak aware that there is a permit pending for Segar Cove in Potters Pond. As many of us know, Potters Pond already has racks and are a vital part of the Matunuck Oyster Farm. Matunuck Oyster is hoping to add three acres of floating racks for scallops.

In the application section (10) it states "I have seen only a occasional paddle craft in the proposed lease which will not be impeded if the lease is granted. I have never seen anyone fishing or shellfishing either commercially or recreationally in the proposed area."

As a recreational kayak fisherman, I want to raise awareness to CRMC that many people actually fish in Potters Pond, particularly during the Cinder Worm hatch. I am seeking pictures taken of kayak fishing in Segar's Cove in Potters Pond.

I am hoping to raise awareness about the process regarding the leasing process - and how it could negatively impact recreational anglers in the future. I have been through the CRMC Red Book and know there is language about recreational use of the salt ponds in RI.

Please understand that I fully realize that the oysters I enjoy so much come from saltwater. I know that our Rhode Island economy needs all the help that it can get, and our marine fisheries are one pathway to bolster our state. My concerns are not from a position of "not-in-my-backyard" but from "how-can-we-all-enjoy-and-benefit-our-backyard?"

In addition, I don't know of any established progressions in technology or real estate that ever go back to the the way it once was. For example, how many people do you know that ***once*** had a cell phone? I fear that without striking a balance, we will lose the natural resources that we all enjoy.

We all arrive at advocacy and political awareness at different points in time. I lament not being able to dedicate the time earlier to this matter. I also realize, now more than ever, silence is often equated with permission.

For the short term, being aware of the aquaculture applications as they occur during the winter months is an easy lift. All you have to do is email CRMC's Dave Beutel and write "Please add me to the email list of aquaculture permits for review during public comment period." Include your name, address and email. contact: dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov. Currently, approximately 40 people in our state receive email notifications about the pending permits.

Thanks for your advocacy.

Attached is the actual application with maps etc of the proposed site.

Sincerely,

Phil Capaldi
15 Baneberry Trail
Saunderstown, RI 02874
401-413-3336

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Posted by: Phil Capaldi <philcapaldi@yahoo.com>

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Lisa Turner 2017-12-086 RASO

From: Dick Pastore <rpengri@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:11 PM
To: 'Dave Beutel'; 'Mcmanus, Conor (DEM)'; 'Livermore, Julia (DEM)'; 'Beuth, Joshua (DEM)'; 'Jason McNamee'; 'Osenkowski, Jay (DEM)'; 'Dennis Erkan'; 'Robert Ballou'; kurt.blanchard@dem.ri.gov; cindy.hannus@dem.ri.gov; 'Catherine White'; 'Alison Verkade - NOAA Federal'; Taylor.M.Bell@usace.army.mil; 'Leavitt, Dale'; 'Azure Cygler'; 'Robert Rheault'; 'Jim Arnoux'; 'Jeff Grant'; 'Jeff Gardner'; mclamdigger@aol.com; 'David Ghigliotty'; 'Jody King'; 'Dave Reis'; 'Dave Monti '; 'Prescott, David'; 'Mike Jarbeau'; 'Michael A. Rice'; maridee2@gmail.com; mroderick@towndock.com; travisbarao@gmail.com; gvdwood@cox.net; 'Jerry Carvalho'; saltpondscoalition@gmail.com; 'Art Ganz'; 'John Torgan'; 'John F. O'brien'; 'LeBlanc, Edward G CIV'; 'Katie Eagan'; 'Steve Medeiros'; cgreinstrategies@gmail.com; FVThistle@verizon.net; 'Rich Hittinger '; 'Gerald Shey'; LAD0626@aol.com; larry.mouradjian@dem.ri.gov; 'Doug McLean'; 'Lisa Turner'; 'Amanda Turco'
Cc: marcapcar@me.com; marcapcar@icloud.com; 'Phil Capaldi'; michaelaonosoko@gmail.com; 'timothy gilchrist'; 'Perry Raso'
Subject: RE: potter pond aquaculture public notice

no objection

Richard L. Pastore P.E.
RP Engineering, Inc
121 Suffolk Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02852
401 885 7255
www.RPENGRI.COM

From: Dave Beutel [mailto:dbeutel@crmc.ri.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Mcmanus, Conor (DEM); Livermore, Julia (DEM); Beuth, Joshua (DEM); Jason McNamee; 'Osenkowski, Jay (DEM)'; 'Dennis Erkan'; Robert Ballou; kurt.blanchard@dem.ri.gov; cindy.hannus@dem.ri.gov; Catherine White; Alison Verkade - NOAA Federal; Taylor.M.Bell@usace.army.mil; Leavitt, Dale; 'Azure Cygler'; Robert Rheault; Jim Arnoux; 'Jeff Grant'; Jeff Gardner; mclamdigger@aol.com; David Ghigliotty; Jody King; Dave Reis; 'Dave Monti '; Prescott, David; Dick Pastore; Mike Jarbeau; Michael A. Rice; maridee2@gmail.com; mroderick@towndock.com; travisbarao@gmail.com; gvdwood@cox.net; Jerry Carvalho; saltpondscoalition@gmail.com; Art Ganz; John Torgan; John F. O'brien; LeBlanc, Edward G CIV; Katie Eagan; 'Steve Medeiros'; cgreinstrategies@gmail.com; FVThistle@verizon.net; Rich Hittinger ; 'Gerald Shey'; LAD0626@aol.com; larry.mouradjian@dem.ri.gov; 'Doug McLean'; Lisa Turner; Amanda Turco
Cc: marcapcar@me.com; marcapcar@icloud.com; Phil Capaldi; michaelaonosoko@gmail.com; timothy gilchrist; 'Perry Raso'
Subject: potter pond aquaculture public notice

This application begins thirty day public notice today January 3, 2018. Please submit comments to CRMC by February 2, 2018.

David Beutel
Coastal Resources Management Council
Aquaculture Coordinator
Oliver Stedman Government Center