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Dear Members of the Coastal Resources Management Council,

We are writing you in regards to the Public Notice that we received on the proposed dock that East Meadow LLC % Paul Hooper would like to build on Gooseberry Island. We own Plat 88-1 Lot 1 at 1397 Succotash Road South Kingstown, Rhode Island. We have owned and lived on this property since 1968. We have seen and welcomed many people to the island over the years. It is a beautiful place to relax and enjoy the sights of Snug Harbor. We have enjoyed living there for over 55 years. We know the island well. Our dock is located at the mouth of Potters Pond across from Snug Harbor. The currents run very strong past our dock at that curved bottle neck in the harbor. We have concerns regarding the proposed dock to be placed near our dock.. Our thoughts and concerns are as follows:

1. One concern is that the proposed dock will cause a hazardous navigational difficulty when we enter or leave our dock area with our boats. The current is very strong on that point and it is difficult to maneuver boats as it is. Having a dock so close to our dock would cause great difficulty with docking our boats.
2. If the proposed dock were put in front of our cottage it would block the beach area, water area and sandbar that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren play, walk and swim in. Having a dock there would make it very difficult for us to access the water area in front of our cottage that we have been using for over 55 years.
3. Another concern involves the closeness of the dock to our front door. We would lose the privacy that we currently have. Dock traffic of renters coming and going at all hours would affect our privacy.
4. Having a dock placed right in front of our cottage would affect the value of our property greatly.
5. Another concern would be during hurricane season. We have experienced some damage to our dock during Hurricane Sandy that was costly. Having another dock so close to us on that point with such strong currents could be catastrophic. During Hurricane Sandy our ramp was pulled down into Potters Pond and had to be retrieved and rebuilt. Having a dock so close with the probability that pieces from the proposed dock would ram into our dock would cause costly damage.
6. Having a new dock put in involves drilling which will pull up sand and rocks that will settle under our dock affecting the water levels so that we may not be able to dock our boats due to the misplacement of sand and rock.
7. Another concern is that the proposed dock will be cutting directly in front of our cottage affecting our view and access to the water.
8. Lot 5 ( 1381 Succotash Road) owned by Mr and Mrs Hooper already has a dock on the right of way on the northwest side of the island. In the past, Lot 5 had docks located on the sandbar that went into the water

facing Galilee on the southeast side of the island. This is the waterfront and beach area that Lot 5 has access to.

9. Lot 6, (1391 Succotash Road) the newly acquired rental property has waterfront property in front of their cottages which could also support a dock. They may have to extend their dock plans to reach deeper water.

These are our thoughts and concerns about having the proposed dock built so close to our existing dock blocking access to our dock, waterway and beach area. Thank you for taking the time to review our concerns. Please contact us when a hearing has been scheduled so that we can be there. Feel free to contact us anytime.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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