

RE: Troiano Application, 2017-05-006

To whom in may concern,

We have known Ed Troiano for quite a long time, well over 15 years. We know him to be a dedicated, persistent, hard workingman. His plan for an Oyster farm off of Nayatt point has been well researched over the past 2-3 years. He has chosen an area of Narragansett Bay that has been devoid of quahogs for over 20 years so it will in no way encroach on the quahog fisheries.

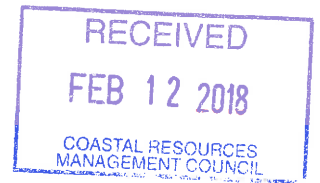
Done correctly, oyster farming is remarkably sustainable. Oysters require no food and can actually improve their habitat by filtering or consuming nutrients that threaten the quality of the water they live in.

As residents of Barrington and avid oyster lovers, we would love to see an oyster farm off the shores of Nayatt Point. We strongly encourage you to approve Ed Troianos application for his oyster farm.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Perugini" followed by a long, sweeping flourish.

Michelle and Michael Perugini



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Wakefield RI 02879-1900
February 7, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing with regard to the Troiano Application 2017-05-006. As a permanent resident of Barrington, I would like to register my support of the noted application.

As you know, responsible oyster farming is ecologically beneficial (e.g. shellfish help to clean the water, remove nitrogen, stimulate diversity...) for our bay as well as acting as a sustainable source of seafood for our community. I would love to know my seafood is coming from a trusted source right in my own backyard.

I sincerely hope that you consider this application favorably as I truly feel it would be of great benefit to our community.

Thank you very much.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Ainsworth".

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CRMC Troiano Application
2017-05-006



February 9, 2018

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Re: CRMC Application 2017-05-006 –Troiano

Dear Members,

I am writing on behalf of long time Barrington resident, Ed Troiano's, proposal to raise oysters on a farm off the shores of Barrington, Rhode Island. Mr. Troiano's dedication to the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) process over the past two years combined with his dedication to his present career is indicative of his commitment to this project. More importantly, the level of detail that Mr. Troiano has provided in support of this business proposal demonstrates his understanding of the importance of Rhode Island's coastal waters and sustainable development.

As a City Planner for one of the State's coastal communities and a former member of Barrington's Planning Board I understand and support such farming. That being said I have reviewed this proposal in context with the Town of Barrington's Comprehensive Community Plan and have not found the proposal to be in conflict with the general policies set forth in the Plan. In particular, the proposed project supports:

Economic Development

Goal 4 (ED-4) Strengthen the Town's commercial base with a focus on promoting existing local businesses and economic sustainability;

Goal 6 (ED-6) Support agriculture as a vital component of the local economy;

Natural & Cultural Resources

Goal (NCR-3) Work to protect and restore water quality, including ...;

Given that the existing area in question has been previously dedicated for shellfishing purposes, the proposal by this applicant is in accordance with the intended use of the area. Such a shellfishing designation is not exclusive to one user group and a proposal such as an oyster farm will benefit the waters, the residents, local restaurants and businesses of the community. While I understand the concerns of some user groups to protect their interests I request that you consider current trends in sustainable farming. Please consider this application on its own merit.

Sincerely,

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February 11, 2018

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Re: Troiano Application, 2017-05-006

Hello,

I want to express my unequivocal support of Ed Troiano's application for starting an Oyster Farm in Narragansett Bay off the shore of Barrington.

Having grown up in Barrington, I consider Narragansett Bay the centerpiece of our state. I feel very fortunate to live so close to the diversity of recreation, relaxation and occupations the bay offers. Perhaps the best thing about the bay is that all activities in the bay are equal – from fishing to quahogging to boating to swimming. It has always been understood that no one use of the bay – or group of people – has any more right to the bay than any other. And when everyone respects each other's use of the bay, we can all enjoy it in our own way.

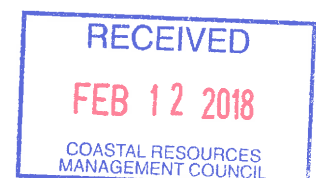
When Ed Troiano mentioned his plans for starting an Oyster Farm in Narragansett Bay, I was intrigued. The more I learned about oyster farms, the more excited I was for him *and* the bay. Ed Troiano's farm is ideally positioned in an area that does not conflict with any other use. It is not an area used by quahoggers, or boaters, and will not impede on anyone else's enjoyment of the bay.

But more importantly, it is clear that anyone who cares about the health of the bay and the vitality of its marine and coastal life should see the value of oyster farms. Oyster farms have tremendous positive impact on the health of the ecosystems around them. They filter and cleanse millions of gallons of water, and remove toxins that can kill marine life. Not to mention the strong demand in our area for fresh, locally sourced Oysters.

I want the bay to be there for future generations to enjoy as much as I have. I feel strongly that sustainable practices like Oyster farming are an essential part of this mission. A vote in favor of Ed Troiano's Oyster Farm is vote to improve the bay's health and vitality, assure equal use of this natural resource, as well as an investment in the bay's future.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2018

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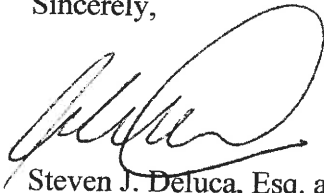
Dear Coastal Resources Management Council:

We are writing enthusiastically in support of Edward Troiano's application to obtain a license to operate an oyster farm in Narragansett Bay in Barrington, Rhode Island.

We have lived in Barrington for 23 years and have been Ed's neighbors for over 18 years. We know Ed and his family very well and know him to be an avid fisherman, sea lover and environmental steward. He is a very responsible and honorable person. Ed is very enthusiastic about starting a farm for harvesting oysters and has discussed his ideas with us for many years. We know that he has seriously thought through this project, so we are sure that his plan is comprehensive and considers all important and relevant ecological and logistical factors. Given his law enforcement background and his love for the bay, we know that Ed will be very conscientious about compliance with any rules and regulations regarding coastal resource management, DEM and other state and town rules that are necessary for this venture. His proposed lease is in an area that is not currently being used by others for quahogging and hasn't for the past 20+ years.

As you know, oyster farming, when done responsibly, is universally recognized as an ecologically beneficial activity and a sustainable source of seafood. It makes abundant sense, therefore, to grant the oyster farm license to Edward Troiano. This farm will benefit the bay, the local restaurant industry, and Rhode Island residents and we strongly support his application to start this new venture. We would be happy to testify on Ed's behalf should the need arise.

Sincerely,



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