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Coastal Resources Management Council Oliver H. Stedman Government Center 4808 Tower Hill Road, Room 116 Wakefield, RI 02879

I'm writing to disapprove of the 16,000 ton boat lift proposed by Riven Rock along the West Passage. The impact of a 16,000-ton boat lift along these shores is not insignificant. I live in Jamestown and kayak and paddleboard close to shore along the west passage. The structure needed to accommodate a large vessel for a 16,000 ton boat lift is extremely large, and I believe this structure would not only impact my ability to stay close to shore, but there are many more factors to consider, too.

Large structures can erode or displace coastal sediment that affect beaches and marine habitat. The structure can alter the shoreline, not just impacting the beauty of the shoreline but cause erosion, too. There's evidence that large structures like this can impact the marine ecosystem, impact water quality, especially if this boatlift requires dredging for installation and must be maintained for high winds, hurricanes, and the like.

I sincerely hope that the CRM Council provides an environmental impact analysis. In my view, a 16,000 ton private boat lift does not benefit nor belong on our fragile coastline.

Sincerely,

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