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Coastal Resources Management Council

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Dear Coastal Resources Management Council:

The purpose of this letter is to object to the application of Kyle Reichman (file # 2024-07-016) for a three acre shellfish aquaculture farm in Dutch Harbor on Narragansett Bay.

Residents living along Dutch Harbor were told several years ago by a CRMC staff member that Dutch Harbor had become “overfarmed” and that he would not recommend approval for any more applications for farms in Dutch Harbor. **Thus, I am assuming CRMC will not recommend approval of this application.**

In addition, as the acreage of farms has increased due to more farms and the expansion of existing ones, it has become more difficult for recreational boats sailing in Dutch Harbor, particularly on weekends when many boats anchor for the day or stay overnight. The entrance to Dutch Harbor from Narragansett Bay has become narrower and narrower due to oyster cages.

This situation is directly related to one of the sections of the aquaculture application: **Additional Category B Requirements** as listed below:

The cumulative impact of a particular aquaculture proposal in an area, in addition to other aquaculture operations already in place. (At minimum, applicants should consider the impact of any other aquaculture operation within 1000’ of the proposed site.)

The applicant answers with: *The three abutting farm owners have been notified of the application.* He fails to list all of the aquaculture farms in Dutch Harbor, mentions only the abutting ones, and thus does not reflect the negative cumulative impact to the area.

In conclusion, this application should not be approved due to its cumulative impact on the already “overfarmed” Dutch Harbor.

Sincerely,

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