## Jeff Willis

From:Kevin SloanSent:Friday, April 18, 2025 12:29 PMTo:carl bergCc:Jeff WillisSubject:Re: CRMC F.A.BAttachments:FAB\_SouthCoastWind\_IntroPacket\_041125.pdf; SCW\_CableHabitat-<br/>BathymetryMaps\_Rlwaters\_041725.1.pdf; SouthCoastWind\_FisheriesBaselineReport\_<br/>101024.pdf; Geologic&HabitatMapping\_SoutCoastWind\_JKing\_112023.pdf

## Afternoon Carl,

This is great news and we appreciate your willingness to join the FAB. I've attached a few documents that give an overview of the SouthCoast Wind project that's planning to run its cable up the Sakonnet, across Portsmouth and into Mount Hope Bay on its way to Brayton Point, Massachusetts. We had our first meeting on that project last night so you're not too far behind. Some of the topics we talked about included benthic conditions in the Sakonnet (i.e., hard bottom, outcroppings, and marine habitats generally), aquaculture operations, cable burial methods and the equipment that would be used for burial, cable crossings (i.e., where the cable would cross over an existing pipeline or cable), secondary cable protection and whether it's trawlable, and impacts to the actual fisheries within the Sakonnet, seaward of the Sakonnet, and in Mount Hope Bay.

That last topic on fisheries impacts is a big one because those impacts are generally what results in a compensatory mitigation package. So, one thing to consider is what type of data/information would you use to demonstrate that you, or anyone, has been negatively impacted by the cable. One of the documents I've sent you is a "Baseline Report" created by the SouthCoast team and it uses NOAA data, and state fisheries data I think, to put a dollar value on the fisheries the cable would affect. It's a complicated topic and we by no means expect you to make sense of it right off the bat. We'll keep unpacking it as a group and the SouthCoast team will be giving us a presentation on it in the near future to help. I'll be emailing the FAB today to get folks availability for an in-person meeting with SouthCoast sometime in the next few weeks, so be on the lookout for that.

As for next steps, we'll look to confirm you as a FAB member at the next CRMC Council meeting next Tuesday night, April 22. You don't need to be there in person but you're more than welcome to go if you'd like or watch on Zoom. The address is RI Division of Taxation Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI at 6:00 p.m.

I'll admit this is a lot of info to digest, so feel free to email me or call/text my work cell number below (any time including weekends) if you have any questions as you work through it.

Thanks again and looking forward to working with you.

Kevin A. Sloan (he/him) Federal Consistency Coordinator RI Coastal Resources Management Council Oliver Stedman Government Center 4808 Tower Hill Road Wakefield , RI 02879 <u>ksloan@crmc.ri.gov</u> Office: 401.783.7365 Cell: 401.332.8792 From: carl berg <cwberg92@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 10:01 AM To: Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov> Subject: Re: CRMC F.A.B

Good morning Kevin,

I looked over the onboarding document you sent. I will be willing to join the board and give it a go if you do need more positions filled. Also if you could bring me up to speed on the meetings/subjects that have been covered already that would be helpful.

Thanks,

Carl

On Apr 17, 2025, at 5:11 PM, Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Hi Carl,

Thanks again for talking with me. Attached is the FAB Onboarding document I mentioned, so give it a look and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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From: carl berg <cwberg92@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 7:38 PM To: Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov> Subject: Re: CRMC F.A.B

My cell is 401-525-6561

Thanks,

On Apr 16, 2025, at 3:23 PM, Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Hi Carl,

Thanks for getting back to me and for expanding on your background. I'll give you a call tomorrow afternoon around 4:45pm. What's a good number to reach you at?

Thanks,

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From: carl berg Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 2:25 PM To: Kevin Sloan Subject: Re: CRMC F.A.B

Good afternoon Kevin,

I will be free both days after 4:30pm if that works, possibly early afternoon Friday. I have spent a large majority of my life fishing federal waters, captaining gillnet and offshore lobster/crab boats. I also hold a state multipurpose fishing license which I fish state waters with and own an oyster farm in the Sakonnet River.

Thanks,

Carl

On Apr 16, 2025, at 1:56 PM, Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Berg,

Thank you for reaching out and the CRMC is still looking for folks to join our Fishermen's Advisory Board (FAB). Would you be free sometime tomorrow or Friday for a phone call to talk about the FAB in more detail? Also, can you give us some additional background on your qualifications and experiences as a RI fisherman?

Thanks again and talk soon,

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From: Brittany Spurlock on behalf of Cstaff Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 9:29 AM To: Jeff Willis; Kevin Sloan Cc: Cstaff Subject: FW: CRMC F.A.B

Please see below.

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-----Original Message-----From: carl berg <cwberg92@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:04 PM To: Cstaff <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov> Subject: CRMC F.A.B

Good evening,

Are you still looking for members for the fisherman's advisory board? I am well qualified.

Thank you,

Carl Berg

<FAB Onboarding Guidance\_KS\_FINAL\_3.6.25.pdf>