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Sent Via Email

Quidnessett Country Club, Inc. PO Box 860 East Greenwich, RI 02818

RE: CRMC Cease & Desist Order 23-0185, dated August 28, 2023 Plat 167, Lot 2, 950 North Quidnessett Road, North Kingstown

Dear Attorney Cervenka,

On August 28, 2023, Quidnessett Country Club, Inc. was issued CRMC Cease & Desist Order 23-0185, for undertaking unauthorized construction of a rip-rap revetment on a coastal feature, cutting of vegetation on a coastal feature, and filling of tidal waters without a CRMC assent. These unauthorized activities are in violation of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program.

As per my letters to you dated May 22, 2024, August 2, 2024, October 11, 2024, November 22, 2024, & February 25, 2025, Quidnessett Country Club, Inc. (QCC) was required to submit a proposed restoration plan prepared by a qualified professional that addressed the following:

- Removal of all unauthorized riprap and fill.
- Nonstructural stabilization of the coastal feature (reference Coastal Resources Management Program, section 1.3.1.(G)).
- Proposed native shrub and tree plantings, of appropriate size and density, throughout all areas of previously vegetated natural buffer zone.
- Restoration must also receive approval from the Army Corps of Engineers.

On February 25, 2025, you were sent a letter requiring that you submit a complete, acceptable restoration plan, prepared by a qualified professional, to the CRMC by March 7, 2024. The letter you submitted on March 7, 2025, did not include a complete, acceptable restoration plan. Additional proposed restoration plans were submitted to the agency on March 28, 2025, and May 16, 2025. Both plans are unacceptable because they position the 'toe of berm' further seaward than the blue line labeled 'approximate toe of coir envelope' on the plan titled 'Previous Approved Plan Overlay' by Cherenzia & Associates, Inc., revised February 3, 2025. This matter has been scheduled for an Enforcement Hearing before the Coastal Council on June 10, 2025, for an Order to Restore.

Sincerely

Brian A. Harrington, Environmental Scientist III Coastal Resources Management Council

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cc via email:

- Janice Matthews, Quidnessett Country Club
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