

HARBOUR ISLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: Support for Cedar Island Oyster Co. Modification Application
CRMC File No. 2001-02-025 Modification

Dear Members of the Coastal Resources Management Council:

On behalf of the Harbour Island Improvement Association, I write in support of the application submitted by Cedar Island Oyster Co. seeking approval to modify its existing aquaculture assent in Point Judith Pond. Specifically, the applicants propose to add seven horizontal floating lines containing 400 low-profile FlipFarm® baskets for the cultivation of eastern oysters within the boundaries of the company's existing 2.3-acre bottom-gear lease area.

The Association understands that the requested modification does not seek to expand the footprint of the existing lease area, but rather proposes improvements and operational modifications within the already approved aquaculture site. The use of low-profile floating basket technology appears thoughtfully designed to support efficient oyster cultivation while minimizing visual and navigational impacts within Point Judith Pond.

The Harbour Island Improvement Association has had the opportunity to engage directly with the owners and operators of Cedar Island Oyster Co. throughout the community review process. Importantly, the owners consistently attended community meetings, made themselves available to residents, and thoughtfully addressed questions and concerns raised by members of the community. Their willingness to engage openly, transparently, and collaboratively demonstrated a genuine commitment to being responsible neighbors and constructive members of the broader Point Judith Pond community.

Cedar Island Oyster Co. has proven itself to be a positive and valued community partner. The applicants have approached their operations with professionalism and respect for nearby residents, recreational users, and other stakeholders who care deeply about the long-term stewardship of Point Judith Pond.

The Association also recognizes Cedar Island Oyster Co.'s strong commitment to environmental stewardship. The owners clearly care deeply about the health, vitality, and ecological sustainability of Point Judith Pond. Their work reflects an understanding that successful aquaculture depends upon maintaining clean water, healthy marine habitat, and responsible management practices. Oyster cultivation itself contributes positively to water quality and the ecological productivity of the pond, and the applicants have consistently demonstrated an

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appreciation for the environmental importance of this resource and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Based on our interactions with the applicants, our understanding of the proposed modification, and the applicant's demonstrated commitment to responsible operations and community engagement, the Harbour Island Improvement Association respectfully supports approval of this application.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Ryan P. Moore
President
Harbour Island Improvement Association

ecc: HIIA Board of Directors

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