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John, Chrissy & Greg,

Thank you all for meeting with us on Monday 01/13/2020, your commitment to having an open conversation was great and we appreciate the very helpful 2 hour conversation. Based on our conversation we issued the following update / comments.

1. Conditionally Approved Area - Based on
 - a. Seasonal Marina – Removal of all boats and floats by November 1st, installation of floats on April 10th
 - b. This means that the only closure should not affect the opening of scalloping season on November 1st.
2. Moratorium on overnight occupancy of vessels
 - a. Will be enforced by a lease agreement, owners of the facility, harbor master and shellfish warden. Anyone who violates this rule will be removed permanently from the facility.
3. Measures to minimize waterfowl occupancy include:
 - a. Installing piling caps
 - b. Removal of the docks at the end of October, thus over the winter there will be no additional roosting habitat.
 - c. Existing waterfowl roosting habitat within the upland property will be significantly reduced by removing two of the warehouses and replacing them with one smaller warehouse.
4. Improvements – The Shipyards has stated clear goals to help improve shellfishing in the area
 - a. \$80,000 mitigation proposal
 - b. Working with the Town Shellfish Department to facilitate DMF water quality sampling
 - c. Through coordination with the Town of Tisbury, DMF and the MVC Commission with the goal to improve shellfishing in the community
 - d. Working with the town and implementing floating upwellers at docks within the proposed facility.
5. Proposed Elements Designed to Benefit the Wetland Resource Areas and Environment
 - a. Proposed modest re-dredging to a depth of -4' MLW. The dredge area was designed so the type of boats that will use the slips will have sufficient depth to navigate without running aground or prop-dredging the seafloor. This will greatly reduce turbidity and sediment suspension which will benefit water quality. The dredge area was also designed so that it would match the depth of the deeper adjacent areas to avoid creating a "basin effect" that



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could collect sediment and shellfish that are suspended and displaced during storms. The side sloped of the dredge area are designed to be 3:1 which matches the natural topography of the seafloor.

- b. Significantly reducing the impervious area of the property by removing buildings and implementing a semi-pervious parking area and several vegetated buffer areas to greatly reduce the direct flow of runoff into Lagoon Pond.

Thank you again for working with us on this project and we look forward to the continued dialog.

Sincerely,

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