

## Paul Foley

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**From:** patricia wallace [pwallace4isola@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2010 10:18 AM  
**To:** richard.bourre@state.ma.us  
**Cc:** Foley@mvcommission.org  
**Subject:** Oak Bluffs Fishing Pier, ENF,EEA #14632

Dear Richard Bourre,

My name is Patricia Wallace and I am a resident of The North Bluff Neighborhood and live in close proximity to the proposed fishing pier. I am writing to state my opposition to this project. I am the mother of 4 children who swim at this beach and I believe that constructing a fishing pier here would greatly affect the safety of swimming at this beach. We have lived here for more than 20 years and I have never seen anyone catch fish that were of size to keep. Furthermore, I was shocked to learn that no consideration or evaluation of an alternative site had ever been considered. Alternative sites need to be strongly investigated before undertaking a project of this magnitude. This is a very expensive project and it is clear to me that it has been very poorly researched. Again, in this economy this is shocking. Most of what I heard in the meeting of support and defense of the proposal was based on hyperbole and anecdotal evidence based on a fisherman from Edgartown. How confusing it is to me that we are this far into this proposed project and it is the first time you met with the people who actually live in front of the proposed pier. Other concerns I have is how the placement of this pier would greatly stress the already stressed neighborhood in terms of parking congestion, nighttime noise and traffic. I am not against a fishing pier, 3 of my children love to fish and go out fishing with Captain Russell and on The Skipper fishing boat all the time, as well as fishing off of our boat. Please rethink your position and actively persue an appropriate alternative.

Sincerely,  
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