



Outlook

Subject: Request to Extend Public Comment Period – CRMC Application for 6 Portside Drive, Bristol

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To whom it may concern,

The Town of Bristol received notice of a CRMC application for a proposed dock located at 6 Portside Drive. Prior to June 24, our Harbormaster's Office submitted a formal request to CRMC seeking a continuation of the public comment period. This request was made because the original notice was issued before the Bristol Harbor Commission had the opportunity to review the application at a scheduled meeting and provide its recommendations.

The Bristol Town Council met yesterday and unanimously supports the Harbormaster's request to extend the public comment period. This request is particularly important given that the proposed dock site appears to be located on or adjacent to an active shellfish transplant bed. As you are aware, these beds are critical to the sustainability of local aquaculture and water quality efforts. Proceeding without the benefit of full local input could have long-term environmental implications for the area.

In addition, our Community Development Director has also requested a continuance to allow for a thorough review and coordination with local planning and environmental considerations.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask that CRMC take immediate notice of this concern and make every effort to continue the notice for hearing date currently scheduled for July 24 to a date following August 20. This extension will allow the Harbor Commission and the Town Council to complete their review process and ensure we are fulfilling our responsibility to safeguard Bristol's waterways.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or documentation to support this request.

Sincerely,

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