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Cc: Tobler, Paul; Harley Krinsky
Subject: FW: Commercial Dock Facility Permit Application- 230 E Point Dr, Savannah
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 11:58:21 AM
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[East-Point-Drive-Extended-Property-Lines.pdf](#)

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Diana and Luke,

I hope you are doing well. Please see the responses below on behalf of Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company. I hope you can attend the community meeting this Friday to discuss the project.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:03 PM
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Subject: FW: Commercial Dock Facility Permit Application- 230 E Point Dr, Savannah

Sam,

See below for another comment and attached. You may have been a little premature on your response letter. I think this will need to be addressed separately but I will check and see what we should do.

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Mr. Tobler,

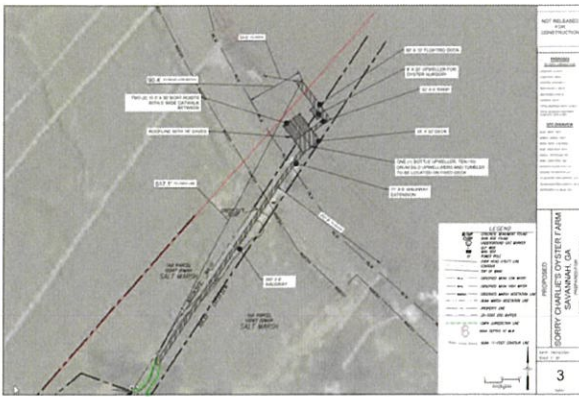
It has come to my attention that the Georgia DNR is considering a permit for a commercial dock at 230 East Point Drive in Savannah.

This application is missing key information. At a minimum it is misleading and at worst is purposefully and blatantly omitting information that proves this property and its location is not suitable for this commercial dock or the business they plan to operate with this commercial dock facility. I urge you to recommend to the committee that this permit be denied.

My name is Diana Grahame. I live at 220 East Point Drive with my husband, mother, and three young children (12, 8, and 5 years old). I am writing this on behalf of myself, my husband, and my mother, as we are all co-owners of our property. Our dock is the closest existing dock to the proposed commercial dock and is featured in several of the pictures submitted by the applicant.

If you look at the proposed commercial dock, it extends far beyond their leased property line (230 E Point Dr) to the left. The description states "Permission has been granted by the property owner to the left to extend over the extended property line." The issue with this statement is the dock is so large that not only does the dock extend over the extended property line of the owner to the left (Robin Anderson, 226 E Point Dr), it also extends over my extended property line (220 E Point Dr). The application makes no mention of this. It would be built over three properties. My extended property line is shown in the drawings submitted by the applicant but not extended to the river as it should be. The fact that my property line is in the plans proves that they know they plan to build over my property line and did not address this in the application. They have never once tried to contact me or my family to discuss this. I have extended my property lines in the drawing below in red. My property lines can be found at the Chatham County Superior Court Clerk office in book 9-P on page 138, or you can ask the person who made the detailed plans because they clearly know where they are.

The property line shown on the drawings and in the attached markup does not represent an extended property line. If the line were extended straight out, your dock would technically fall outside the boundaries. Due to the unique layout of the upland properties along the waterway, the straight-line approach doesn't quite fit here. The property line on the drawings is intended as a placeholder and wasn't extended to the river because a straightforward extension doesn't work well in this area. I've included an exhibit to show that your dock, along with others in this section of the river, doesn't align with the straight-line extended property line method. For this reason, the drawings show the distance to the dock to the left instead of the property line.



It is my understanding that the commonly used guide when building docks is to have a minimum of 10 feet from extended property lines. The method of straight line extension should be used in this situation. Using the width of the floating dock for scale, this floating dock is nearly 20 feet over my extended property line, which makes it 30 feet too long. The boat hoist is also within 10 feet of the extended property line. This whole dock is encroaching on our existing dock and our extended property lines. This would affect our dock and our ability to use it in the area that is directly behind our house. It unreasonably obstructs navigation to and from our property because it is on my property.

This appears to be a misunderstanding. The 10-foot setback rule applies specifically to private recreational docks and does not apply to commercial docks permitted under the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA).

Furthermore, the dock is only two feet from the extended property line to the right (302 E Point Dr). A dock should not be built right up to the property line as it leaves no room for future expansion at the neighboring property and no room for navigation to and from that property.

Once again, the 10-foot setback rule does not apply to docks permitted under the CMPA. While the dock currently extends slightly over the property line to the right, the applicant has voluntarily offered to relocate it within their extended property lines as a courtesy to the neighbor.

As an owner of 220 E Point Drive, I vehemently object to a commercial dock being built over my extended property lines without my permission. I own this property. The applicant is merely leasing this property. He owns no land on the whole of this island and his desires should not override those of a property owner, especially if it is for commercial use and not recreational. This dock is entirely too large for this property and encroaches on all neighboring properties including my own. Once again, I have never been approached about these plans. This is the antithesis of equitable apportionment.

The proposed dock is smaller than the existing dock at 220 E Point Drive, which does not meet current DNR size restrictions. While this dock was permitted under previous regulations, it appears inconsistent to suggest that the waterway or neighborhood cannot support a dock of this size. The existing dock at 220 E Point Drive's fixed deck is 100 square feet larger than the proposed one, and its walkway covers twice the area of the proposed walkway. Additionally, the existing private floating dock is nearly the same size as the floating dock in this proposal. Given that this facility serves private use, it seems reasonable that the smaller proposed dock could meet the needs of a small commercial operation.

I also worry about the precedence the approval of a commercial dock facility at the end of a dead-end residential road will set. Will more residents convert their residential docks into commercial docks? Are all residential dock owners allowed to lease their dock to a commercial fishing company? My own personal dock has damage from Hurricane Helene. Should I lease it to a shrimping company so they can fix it up and pay me loads of money for its use? The lease of the property states that the landlord (Robin Anderson) may still use this commercial dock facility during non-business hours and use her own boat at the dock in addition to any boats used in the business. To what end? This is not beneficial to anyone except the corporation that is invading our neighborhood and the owner of the land, who is the applicant's Mother-in-law. We do not want corporations in our neighborhood. We want good neighbors.

The zoning at the project location was not changed from its existing status. Any changes in zoning would need to go through the proper procedures with the county and would be decided on a case-by-case basis. Per the letter obtained from Chatham County on 11/4/2024, this project will not violate any zoning ordinances.

I worry about the future of this dock. Once this dock is built, it will be there for the foreseeable future. If the tenant buys the land and sells the dock in the future, there is no telling what the situation will be with any future owner or commercial endeavor. Whatever happens in the future can not be controlled. The purpose of this dock can change. The business hours of the operation on the dock can change. The total nature of this operation can change in the future with a different owner.

We understand your concern, as you know, our family also lives in this community. This business is a long-term investment which we intend to operate with as little impact to the community as possible. Our number of employees, types of vehicles, boat sizes, and frequency to and from the property will be less than the average household. This will make our impact will be lower than any other property in the neighborhood. Our family members plan on living here long-term and we intend to operate the business for the foreseeable future. We will do everything we can to minimize impact to the neighborhood and be good neighbors for everyone.

I understand that this permit must contain the following:

➤ Zoning Letter & Signed Drawings from Local Gov:

- ___ Letter from the local zoning authority stating that this proposal is in compliance with any zoning laws. This letter must be specific to the project and cannot be conditional in any way.
- ___ Copy of the most current version of plans, signed and dated by the local zoning authority. If the project is redesigned, the zoning authority must sign the latest plans to ensure there is no confusion about which "version" of the project is approved.

Source: [CMPAapplLAWrules_2024.pdf](#)

The zoning of 230 E Point Drive is C-M/EO, Marshland conservation. The zone verification letter in the application references section 4-5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County, which does not refer to zone C-M/EO. It refers to the Index for B and I use schedule, which states the uses that would be appropriate in a Business or Industrial zone. These uses more property align with the scope of this project, but this property is not zoned that way. This discrepancy should void the zone verification letter as it is unclear whether the correct use table was used in determining the appropriate zone. Please find a link below to the use table referenced.

A new zoning letter was provided by Chatham County on 11/4/24 confirming that the proposed project does not violate any zoning ordinances.

I spoke with the author of the zone verification letter, Mr. Marcus Lotson from the Chatham County Office of Zoning Administration about the zone verification letter provided in the application. He stated that he was not presented with the full scope of this proposal and understood that the verification letter was needed merely for the ability to use the property as a business address for the offshore shellfish lease. The approval was not specific to this project, and the letter does not convey that it was either. I have urged Mr. Lotson to research the proposed project, as C-M/EO is not the correct zone for this use, and rescind his verification letter when he comes to the same conclusion. I suspect

that he will do that soon.

A new zoning letter was provided by Chatham County on 11/4/24 confirming that the proposed project does not violate any zoning ordinances.

When I asked Mr. Lotson if he had signed a copy of the most current version of the plans, he stated that he did not as he has never seen any plans for this project.

The newest letter from Chatham County had the dock drawings attached to it.

When reading the description of the C-M Marsh Conservation zone, it makes no mention of commercial interests. It states, "The purpose of the C-M district is to encourage all reasonable public and private uses and developments of the marshlands... all for the purpose of furthering the social and economic welfare of the citizens of Chatham County or the State of Georgia and of the Nation." This project seems contrary to the intent of this zone.
[4-L.pdf](#)

After researching all uses listed in the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County, the most appropriate use is 110. Commercial seafood processing and packaging, which requires zone B, B-1, B-2, I-H, I-L, or W-I. This use is not included in zone C-M.

When looking at the lease in the application, the corporation is leasing not only 230 E Point Drive (parcel ID 10047 01034A) but also 228 E Point Drive (parcel ID 10047 01032). 228 E Point Drive is not mentioned anywhere in the application besides its inclusion of the lot number in the lease because the applicant does not want you to know that he plans to use a residential property in his commercial business, which is not allowed by Chatham County. 228 E Point Drive is zoned as R-1-A/EO. Nothing close to the scope proposed by the applicant is allowed on that property. Please see the use table below.
[4-5.11Use.pdf](#)

The applicant's deceitfulness is further demonstrated by the fact that he states there is no upland component to this project. This is a lie. The DNR requires that all components upland that relate to the dock and its operations should be detailed in the application including on adjoining property. 228 E Point Drive contains a garage that is not mentioned. In the lease it states that the tenant is responsible for upgrades to the garage. This proves that he plans to not only use the garage for his business but also that he plans to build on this property in support of this business, which is not allowed according to the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County. And not only that, but he also already has. I can see it with my own eyes. He has built a roof that extends from the garage that covers a very large commercial refrigeration unit. This is not allowed on this property.

Mr. Lotson, the author of the zone verification letter, was unaware of 228 E Point Dr being used by this corporation for this purpose. When this was brought to his attention, he inspected the property and discovered that unpermitted work had already been performed on that property. He has since put a stop work order on the property. He intends to speak with the applicant to better understand the project. This assessment should be concluded before a permit is issued by the DNR. There is a reason why the zoning letter and signed drawings from the local government are required and this application is incomplete without the resolution of this investigation, a zone verification letter with the correct section referenced from the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County, and a signed copy of the most current version of the plans by the local zoning authority.

We have been in contact with Mr. Lotson and rely on his judgement to determine the zoning and regulatory interests in the property. We have not been notified of the zoning letter being voided despite my phone calls with Mr. Lotson. If the zoning letter is retracted or changed, DNR will be notified.

Even if this dock were within its own property lines and zoned correctly, I still would not want this in our neighborhood. My children spend their summers jumping off our dock, swimming, kayaking, and paddle boarding in Bull River. In the pictures provided by the applicant, you can see our kayaks on the dock and the ladder at the end of the floating dock for swimming. I worry about the dangers that a commercial dock with commercial fishing boats creates. Their commercial fishing boats would be navigating in the space between our floating dock and their proposed oversized floating dock to get to their boat hoists. This is where my children and our neighborhood friends swim. This is our recreation area at our home. This is where we live. This is our property. This is no place for a commercial fishing business, and it never has been.

The boats are standard recreational sized vessels similar to the ones that transit this waterway all day. The fact that the boat will be used for a commercial purpose does not make it more dangerous than the same boat being used recreationally.

The Bull River in this location is already very busy. It already had a large marina on one side of the bridge (Bull River Marina) and recently another large marina was added (Savannah Boathouse Marina). Our floating dock is often damaged by the constant wake that this area endures. We can not continue to add commercial business after commercial business in the same location on this river.

The adjacent marina is not a good example for what the proposed facility will look like or how it will operate. I understand that the thought of having a big facility such as Bull River Marina or Savannah Boathouse in the community would not be welcome, but our facility will resemble the private docks present in the community with only a few employees. There will not be strangers coming and going to the dock constantly and the boats used will be kept at the dock as the one currently there is.

The addition of a commercial dock to the end of our street would be a detriment to our neighborhood. Home values would decrease. Properties are attractive when roads are quiet, clean, and safe. None of these conditions exist near a commercial dock. No one wants to live near a commercial dock.

The proposed upland property will see fewer visitors and less frequent activity than an average home in the neighborhood. In fact, the usual comings and goings of neighborhood trash trucks, UPS deliveries, and occasional moving trucks are likely to have a greater impact than our pickup truck and the occasional delivery to our property.

We chose this house at the end of this road because it was a quiet peaceful neighborhood. We chose this house to look out the window at the beautiful Bull River, not at a commercial fishing facility. I never would have chosen to live near what they are proposing.

Again, the extent of your exposure to the business will be a pickup truck or two, and 2 to 3 people going to the property in the morning and then leaving in the afternoon. This should not cause a major inconvenience to the community.

I worry about the negative effects of a commercial fishing business at the end of our street. The application suggests that the oysters will be brought upland. The commercial refrigeration on the adjoining property suggests they will be brought there. After that, they must be shipped out.

Yes, the oysters will be delivered using a pickup truck, and maybe a small van in the future.

East Point Drive is a quiet little road, only a half mile long with no painted lines on it. It is a dead-end in both directions. There is one way out of the neighborhood from the commercial dock, from E Point Drive to Lake Drive. It is a small road that already has several potholes that will only be made worse by the increase in traffic. A commercial dock would likely use large vehicles for loading and unloading causing more traffic on a road designed for residential use. The end of the road where the property is located is in severe disrepair already. This is a quiet neighborhood which does not need the noise of sorting machines, heavy machinery hauling oysters to shore, and trucks going up and down the road. This is not a commercial area whatsoever and this road cannot handle the demand this would put on it.

If there are already potholes on the road, it may indicate that the road is older and could benefit from municipal maintenance. Pickup trucks using the road won't create more wear than any other vehicles already traveling on it. As we discussed, larger vehicles will only be on the road occasionally, with no more impact than the usual weekly trash pickup or daily Amazon deliveries. In response to feedback, we've decided to use the sorting machine on the lease rather than on the dock. There won't be any heavy machinery to transport the oysters to shore; they'll be moved by hand or possibly with a small dolly or pallet jack.

We are a neighborhood filled with children and families. There are at least 15 children who live on E Point Drive, most of whom are under 10 years old. Even more live on Lake Drive and even more grandchildren come to visit regularly. Children on this street take the bus to school. People ride their bikes, push their babies in strollers, and walk their dogs. My kids learned how to ride their bikes here because we live on a safe street to do so. My kids play soccer in the front yard. They run across the street to play at their friend's house almost daily. I have run up and down this road hundreds of times. This is no place for a commercial business with trucks and heavy equipment coming through. We have already witnessed an increase in traffic with trucks coming in and out of our road. The residents here are careful and considerate when driving in their own neighborhood, but I can't say the same for the individuals driving these trucks. This is a residential road where people live, and they should be allowed to do so safely.

I understand your concern, hopefully my responses above will clear up any misunderstanding about what this business will entail. My mother lives closest to the proposed

project, I promise I would not do anything to lower her standard of living in this community, nor would I do that to any of our other neighbors.

I have always known this dock to be Robin Anderson's residential dock that was used for her personal use, and she still resides in the same house. I would be more than happy for Ms. Anderson to continue to repair her dock for her personal use, which she seemed to be doing earlier this year. We were excited for her when we saw that she had started repairs by driving new pilings and replacing the floating dock and ramp this year. There was a boat on the floating dock all summer and there is still one now. This location is not the only location that could be used in the whole of Savannah. It is the most convenient and cheapest for the applicant because the applicant is the son-in-law of Ms. Anderson, the owner of the property. This decision shouldn't be made because of convenience. The community needs to be considered. Ms. Anderson raised her own family on this street and I'm sure she would not have appreciated having a commercial fishing business endangering her children's right to safely play and swim at their own house. I certainly do not, and my neighbors do not either, as evidenced by the petition submitted by other homeowners on this road.

I believe there is a misunderstanding in what we are proposing to do at this location. The boat currently at the dock is the boat that will be used for the farming operation. The oyster farm is already in operation on our lease in the bull river, the only activities that will occur on the dock is unloading totes of oysters by hand and moving them to the building. I believe the impression from the public notice is of a big multinational corporation coming into the neighborhood to build a factory. We are simply planting and then picking some oysters to sell. I truly believe the community will not even notice the operation and can benefit by having fresh local oysters right down the road. Our farm will provide locally grown oysters to the community restaurants and eventually the shells can be recycled to be used in living shorelines throughout the state. I hope you attend our meeting this Friday to discuss the project in more detail and hope to dispel any concerns that you may still have.

When a neighbor talked with Ms. Anderson about this public notice, Ms. Anderson told her "don't talk to other people about this" because I suspect she knows that any reasonable person would oppose this on their road and over their property lines.

Do not put my family and our neighborhood through this. This is not the place. This is not within the public interest whatsoever.

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration and again urge you to recommend to the committee that this permit be denied. Please confirm your receipt of this e-mail.

Thank you,
Diana Grahame
Luke Grahame
Patricia Lucey





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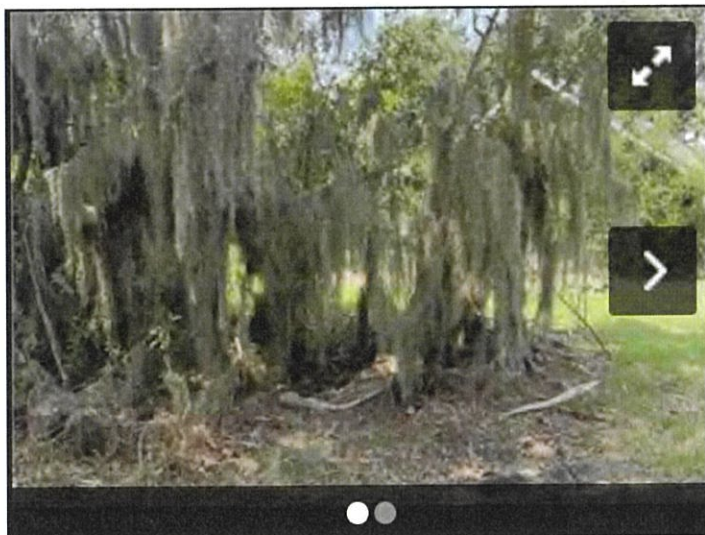
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Neighborhood	20162.00 - T162 TURNRS CRK
Tax District	(010) UNINCORPORATED
Zoning	R-1-A/EO
Acres	0.27
Homestead	N
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From: [Sam LaBarba](#)
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Cc: [Harley Krinsky](#)
Subject: RE: Construction of Sorry Charlie's Commercial dock on Talahi
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:12:41 PM
Attachments: [Sorry Charlie's Response Letter 10.30.24.pdf](#)

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Sarah,

I hope you are doing well, please see the attached response letter to similar concerns we received from some of the other neighbors. I hope this letter helps to alleviate any concerns you may have. We hope to see you at the meeting this Friday to discuss the project further. Feel free to reach out to me or Harley at the number below if you have additional questions and cannot make it to the meeting.

Harley Krinsky (706) 338-9611

Sincerely,

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Sam,

See below for another comment on Sorry Charlies permit application.

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Hi Paul,

I hope all is well.

I'm writing in regards to the proposed Sorry Charlie's commercial dock facility to be constructed on the Bull River on Talahi Island, along with my husband, Tim (cc'ed).

We live at 221 E Point Dr. Savannah, GA, right at the end of the road before the public notice sign. We also own the adjoining property where the sign is placed. My husband and I just moved here last year with our 18 month old son and I'm currently 6 months pregnant with our second child.

After reviewing the documents and speaking to neighbors who have lived here for more than 30 years, this project would significantly disrupt our quality of life on the island. We're concerned that the plastic bins used for commercial oyster farming could hurt local wildlife, the tumblers would be loud, and the smell would be intolerable. This could also cause an unreasonable amount of traffic on E Point Drive where our children will be learning to ride their bikes.

We are 100% pro-business, but Talahi island is an amazing *residential* community where the neighbors support one another and get along well. Our property value could also be significantly impacted by this project.

If you could please consider this comment and let us know if there is anything else we can do, that would be great.

Thanks and I hope you have a great week.

Sincerely,
Sarah Lorek

From: [Sam LaBarba](#)
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Subject: RE: Final Comments
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:24:58 PM

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Everyone who emailed received a response through email today. Certified letters were sent to everyone on the petition last week, and we will hold a community meeting this Friday. Let me know if there are any outstanding items for the application.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Noble, Josh <Josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov>
Subject: Final Comments

Sam,

Please see attached the last few comments we received during the project public notice period as well as 2 that came in Sunday. The two that came in late do not *require* a response but you may do so if you choose. I think I may have sent you the one from Ms. Grahm already but just in case it's here as well. Please send me the responses when you have them prepared.

Thanks,
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Cc: [Harley Krinsky](#)
Subject: RE: Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company, LLC, Construction of a Commercial Dock Facility, Bull River, Chatham County, Georgia
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Attachments: [Sorry Charlie"s Response Letter 10.30.24.pdf](#)

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Lesia,

I hope you are doing well, please see the attached response letter to similar concerns we received from some of the other neighbors. I hope this letter helps to alleviate any concerns you may have. We hope to see you at the meeting this Friday to discuss the project further. Feel free to reach out to me or Harley at the number below if you have additional questions and cannot make it to the meeting.

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Subject: FW: Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company, LLC, Construction of a Commercial Dock Facility, Bull River, Chatham County, Georgia

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Subject: Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company, LLC, Construction of a Commercial Dock Facility, Bull River, Chatham County, Georgia

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ATTN: Paul Tobler, Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way,
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Dr. Lesa Mason
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October 24, 2024

Dear Paul Tobler,

I am writing to you about Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company, LLC, Construction of a Commercial Dock Facility, Bull River, Chatham County, Georgia.

I am very concerned about the plans as outlined in the notification from the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) of a request from Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company, LLC for a Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) permit under Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) 12-5-280 et seq., to construct a commercial dock facility located in Bull River, Chatham County, Georgia.

Since 1991 I have resided at 219 East Point Drive, Savannah, Ga. 31410. I am frightened about what is happening to our island. Over the past several years the Bull River Marina construction and its continued expansion has encroached on the wetlands. Massive amounts of indigenous vegetation are now gone impacting the natural marshland ecology and the water flow. One very troubling outcome is the water run-off coming now in at the end of East Point Drive causing flooding during heavy rains and at high tide. My lot in the back is now getting more water saturation than ever before. Erosion must be addressed.

Numerous heavy trucks turning at the end of East Point Drive have damaged the pavement and caused further erosion.

This is the same area being used to transport, equipment, supplies, and products for Sorry Charlie's Oyster Company, LLC.

This area has long been a residential community, and it is being destroyed by commercialization.

For the community's sake this plan needs to be rejected.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lesa Mason

From: [Sam LaBarba](#)
To: [Tobler, Paul](#); justin.edris@gmail.com; Jamie.Holaday@occ.treas.gov
Cc: [Harley Krinsky](#)
Subject: Sorry Charlie Comments
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:17:57 PM
Attachments: [Sorry Charlie's Response Letter 10.30.24.pdf](#)

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Justin and Jamie,

I hope you are doing well, please see the attached response letter to similar concerns we received from some of the other neighbors. I hope this letter helps to alleviate any concerns you may have. We hope to see you at the meeting this Friday to discuss the project further. Feel free to reach out to me or Harley at the number below if you have additional questions and cannot make it to the meeting.

Harley Krinsky (706) 338-9611

Sincerely,

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Owner
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A: Brunswick, Georgia



From: [Sam LaBarba](#)
To: troy@metuchen.us
Cc: [Harley Krinsky](#); [Tobler, Paul](#)
Subject: Sorry Charlie's Oyster Farm
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:05:31 PM
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Troy,

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Cc: [Tobler, Paul](#); [Harley Krinsky](#)
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All,

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Mr. North,

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Subject: Dock Construction Concerns
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The passing of vehicles on Lake Dr. Is not only very disruptive to the calm and mostly quiet environment, it's also a danger to local wildlife. Turtles, raccoons, squirrels, birds, etc. Are all at risk with increased vehicles presence as they are constantly on and crossing the road. It's also a risk to local children. There are many kids on these roads and in a large truck it would be very difficult to spot a small child, especially on the turns. It would also disrupt general traffic as the road is already very narrow so fitting past a large construction or transport vehicle would require driving into lawns or driveways. This is a major inconvenience to everyone and everything in the affected area. It damages wildlife, ruins the atmosphere preserved by locals, and causes major schedule disruptions for anyone trying to leave their own home. Thank you for taking the time to read this