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To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen
On: July 8, 2011

Re: Safety of the Walk-on Ramp at Menemsha Dock:

At its meeting on July 6, 2011, the Chilmark Board of Health discussed the ramp leading from the new main dock down to the secondary boat-access dock at Menemsha. They noted that the ramp is dramatically shorter than the ramp it replaced, which makes it extremely steep, especially at low tide.

The Board feels that the current ramp is downright hazardous for any but the most agile users, and in fact, one person has already fallen while navigating the ramp. A number of regular users will be unable to use the ramp in its current configuration.

The Board considers that this situation constitutes a hazard, and has asked me to bring this problem to the attention of the town without delay. We feel it is important to find an ADA-compliant solution to enable a broad range of users to access the area.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Marina Lent
Administrator/Inspector- BoH

cc: Timothy R. Carroll, Executive Secretary,
Leonard Jason, Chilmark Building Inspector