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Dear Chilmark Selectmen,

I'm writing to request permission to hold a **free** public screening on August 18, 2015. I estimate that 300 people would attend.

The film is a new ocean awareness/environmental film called RACING EXTINCTION. We'd hope to place the screen on Menemsha Beach, in the same place as last year. When standing in the parking lot looking out at the water, it would be to the right, past the jetty, facing the dock.

Last year, after speaking to the harbormaster and beach department, we were able to draw electric from the 220v outlet at the far end of the dock. We will provide the equipment we need: 2 small tables, a popcorn maker, projector and Blu Ray player, two small speakers and the film screen.

On that day, sunset is at 7:40pm so we'd begin setup at 5 pm with the intention of starting the film at 8pm. The film is 90 minutes so we anticipate being able to break down and clean up from 10pm - 11:30pm. Like last year, **we will be mindful of the sunset crowd and turnover, and encourage folks to use the shuttle.** We will clean up the trash that night and first thing the next morning.

When/if we get confirmation from the Selectmen, we will speak with the Police/Fire/EMS Chiefs/Beach dept. about the event. There weren't any problems last year and I am hopeful things will go smoothly again this year. The police and fire chief were very supportive last year & their feedback to Sarah Nixon was that, from a safety & traffic perspective, it went smoothly.

We have not yet mentioned the event to the businesses but when/if we get approval from the Selectmen we will (as Sarah did last year). She was in close contact with the local businesses, particularly with the Texaco, the harbormaster and the fish markets. They were all very enthusiastic and incredibly supportive - it was great to see many of the business owners & their families in attendance!

Last year's screening was a home run! It was so beautiful to see island fishermen, summer and year-round families, all with their blankets spread on our town beach. So many people gathered to watch a community member's film and to learn about the state of our oceans, specifically, the community-nominated marine sanctuary project, that Buddy Vanderhoop and Dr. Sylvia Earle are working on. It was so nice to hear little children talking excitedly as they walked away, inspired to protect the oceans! We continue to be deeply grateful for the support of our community – and were so thrilled to offer a free screening in our town with true Menemsha flavor!

Gratefully yours,

Thomas Bena  
Executive / Creative Director