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June 2, 2017

Town of Chilmark Board of Selectmen
401 Middle Road
Chilmark, MA 02535

Subject: Charter boat operation

Dear Chilmark Board of Selectmen,

We respectfully request further review of the proposal for a charter boat operation business brought to the Board of Selectmen on May 16, 2017 by Mr. Stephen Broderick. This proposal requests “a permanent dock space south of the Harbor Master’s shack where the Mayhew boats used to tie.” This dock space is designated as the Commercial Fishing Bulkhead, and under the Chilmark Waterway Rules and Regulations, the purpose of this dock area is to “accommodate commercial fishing boats only.” While we support Mr. Broderick’s fishing party boat business plan, we do not support the docking location requested. Permitting charter boats to dock within the commercial fishing dock space will change the clear, designated use of the commercial fishing dock area, and will utilize space needed for commercial fishing operations.

We would like to request a more thorough review process of this proposal. Again, we are in support of Mr. Broderick’s charter boat fishing business plan, but do not support utilizing commercial fishing dock spaces for non-commercial fishing purposes.

Sincerely,

The Martha’s Vineyard Fishermen’s Preservation Trust Board of Directors,

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