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Ms. Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Tribal Chairwoman
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
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Subject: Lobsterville Beach Access and Removal of Dredge Materials

Dear Cheryl,

This requests a renewal of the agreement between the Town of Chilmark and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). The delays of this dredging project have caused the 2016 agreement to expire.

The Chilmark Selectmen appreciate the consideration and support again of the Wampanoag Tribe to access Tribal property to remove 3,000 cubic yards of dredge material. The Town intends to hire John Keene Excavating, a local contractor, to remove the sand in coordination with your staff, the Town of Aquinnah, Army Corps of Engineers and the dredge contractor.

The Town of Chilmark is working on a comprehensive project of relocating the Squibnocket Beach parking lot. The current revetment and parking area will be completely removed and the low dune and barrier beach restored to its natural state. This will be the intended use of the dredge materials. Access to Tribal lands for the removal of the dredge material is a vital component to this success. The use of the sand from the dredge will save the Town a great deal of money and time.

Sincerely,

William Rossi, Chairman
Chilmark Board of Selectmen