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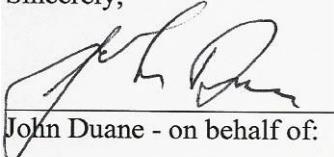
From: The Wellfleet Shellfish Advisory Board

The Wellfleet Shellfish Advisory Board at its April 6, 2022, meeting, voted unanimously to offer its strong and continued support for the Herring River Restoration Project (HRRP). This letter follows previous support letters from our board including ones dated June 19, 2017, and October 9, 2019. As previously stated, we believe the science is in, and the ecological, economic, and social benefits of restoring a more robust tidal flow (as proposed in phase one of the current plan) make proceeding ahead with this ambitious project the proper course of action at this time.

Shortly after construction of the Chequessett Neck Road Bridge over 100 years ago, water quality began declining in the bridge area due to high levels of fecal coliform present from restricted tidal flushing. Improving water flow upstream and downstream of a new and redesigned bridge will be of great ecological service for shellfish and anadromous fish native to the area, benefitting the fishermen, shellfishermen and residents of Wellfleet.

Please move ahead in obtaining all necessary permits for the timely construction of a new bridge at Chequessett Neck Road. The HRRP represents an opportunity to reverse decades of environmental degradation, and to restore a vital native ecosystem. We look forward to realizing the goals and dreams of groups such as Friends of Herring River, and the Herring River Technical Team who have been strong advocates for this project.

Sincerely,



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