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Steve,

I have attached my speaking notes from my public comments in the January 16 Harbors Committee as requested.

Best Regards,

Jim Morra

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I will speak about Kettle Cove from a recreational user's point of view. I read the recommendations from the Cape Elizabeth Fisherman's Alliance. They did a great job of recognizing and accommodating recreation use in the Kettle Cove area while looking out for their interests. I will talk about a couple of specific issues.

The traffic issues at Kettle Cove in the summer need to be addressed before it turns into another Two Lights/Lobster Shack traffic issue. This traffic issue degrades the recreational user experience, impacts the commercial fishermen's ability to get to and from work, and degrades the quality of life for nearby homeowners. Fix the traffic problem for one of these groups fixes it for all 3 groups. Recommending no increase the Kettle Cove parking, as stated in your draft report is a good start. I would be in favor of taking this further by removing some parking spaces at Kettle Cove if needed for commercial fisherman parking or safety vehicle access. Other ideas to consider are working with the State Park to:

- 1) Get all recreational visitors parking at Kettle Cove to pay.
- 2) Increase the fee at Kettle Cove to the same as Crescent Beach State Park if it is not already.
- 3) Increase the fee at Kettle Cove to greater than the fee at Crescent Beach State Park to entice visitors to the Crescent Beach parking area.
- 4) Only allow recreational parking at Kettle Cove with a Crescent Beach State Park entrance fee that can only be purchased at the Crescent Beach entrance booth, again enticing visitors to use the Crescent Beach parking area.

5) Only allow permit parking at Kettle Cove during the summer high use time.

I used the resident beach parking permit last year and feel this is a good solution for residents to access the Kettle Cove area. I recommend continuing this beach parking permit and including this in your report. I also support moving the beach vehicle access to the old less steep location for less ramp erosion and easier access for passenger vehicles.

Thank you for all your hard work maintaining ocean access while balancing the needs of resident recreational users, commercial fisherman, and tourists.