

April 25, 2018

To:

Cape Elizabeth Harbors Committee

ATTN: Steve Harding (Clerk)

From: Harbor Master Ian Anderson

Dear Committee Members and Councilors:

I would like to voice my support of the recommendations made by the Cape Elizabeth Fishermans Alliance. In addition, I believe it to be of the utmost value that our committee be shown to have worked with the Fishermans Alliance, as they are such an integral part of the issues that are dealt with in the launch/beach parking area.

- 1. Support repair of crescent beach access road from kettle cove road, provide all obtained documentation on the project so far.*

The Crescent beach access path from Kettle Cove Road will allow easier access for our recreational boat users, as well as helping to alleviate some of the parking issues we presently face, due to providing alternative options to those with small boat trailers. Continued maintenance of this road will help to maintain the town's access to it in years to come.

- 2. Provide committee support for installation of emergency vehicle parking signage, provided by the park*

The support of the committee for this project being given to the State Park team will only help to solidify that it is the right choice. It is critical during marine search and rescue incidents that emergency crews be able to launch and begin operations as quickly as possible, and this will certainly aid in that.

- 3. Detail in the report the understood reasons that this resource is of such importance to Cape Elizabeth's local lobstermen in their day to day operations.*

I believe the committee has a special ability with their charge to be able to outline the way fishermen at Kettle Cove use, and depend upon this resource. Detailing this in the report will give the fishermen and the town something to come back to should future problems arise with access.

*4. Provide in report details and supporting paperwork for physical boundaries to waterfront access, as well as jurisdictional boundaries as they relate to enforcement and property maintenance*

The issue of boundaries and jurisdictions for the purpose of maintenance and enforcement has been a topic of conversation for the life of the committee. I agree that it is very important to document the information that has been discovered through conversations with the State Parks group as well as with Town Departments. I'm confident the committee has done a strong job of this, and the conversations have proven very worthwhile.

*5. Acknowledge the issues of overcrowding at KC State Park, and the Parks current efforts to encourage use of the adequate parking resources and newly available hand-carry launching at CB State Park.*

It is well known at this point that the parking area of Kettle Cove is very much at its max capacity in the summer months. I concur that it is important to note that efforts are being made to enforce proper usage of parking areas, and encourage those that it applies to use the resources appropriately.

In addition, I believe it to be of the utmost value that our committee be shown to have worked with the Fishermans Alliance, as they are such an integral part of the issues that are dealt with in the launch/beach parking area. As a final note, I would like to add that it has been a pleasure working with the Harbors Committee, and that I have the utmost faith in the work they've done in their time together.

Very Respectfully,

Harbor Master Ian Anderson