

Dear Ms. Snow-Cotter,

As a life-long summer resident of Bass River (and as life-long resident of Massachusetts), I am writing to express my deepest opposition to the proposed wind farm in Nantucket Sound on Horseshoe Shoals.

I raced Beetlecats and Wianno Senior sailboats on the Sound for 20 years and continue to enjoy recreation and fishing in the Sound. I continue to share this enjoyment with a new generation of family members. My father took us all out to the shoals when I was no more than 8 years old where I caught my first blue fish; the clear memories of fishing with my father and brothers, seeing the rip tide rush around the boat, and fish jumping at your lines remain vivid and fond memories. Racing in the Sound and sailing across the Shoals coming from the Vineyard, with an almost uninterrupted course, are remarkable experiences that make you feel as if you are one with the sea.

If one has never experienced these sensations, memories and emotions, it would be a utter waste to deprive future generations of these life-forming experiences. If one has never experienced these sensations, one should.

Let us not destroy what nature offers. The State and the Federal Government should not allow this project, because it will in alterably interrupt the natural course. It is overwhelmingly against the public good. This project appears on all accounts to be a novel money-making scheme rather than a long-term energy/environment project. Using state/federal land/water for free is a novel way to save capital, but unfair. When the grid is at capacity, as I understand, what cost savings are transferable to us if the turbines are allowed to cost us our vistas and fishing grounds? Any savings, if real, will be offset by a greater loss to our quiet enjoyment of our water neighborhood.

The real and long-term effects of giant metal turbines obstructing the vistas, screaming in the wind, and decaying with no exit strategy are just of few of my concerns and of many of my neighbors, as well.

As the former executive director of the MA Outdoor Advertising Board many years ago, I understand the environmental, business, public policy, and pure aesthetic reasons that underpin these types of decisions. In my view, this project, under any hype of public benefit, is a potential danger to the public good and to the preservation of the natural beauty that we all enjoy. Unlike a billboard, it will be a permanent danger with permanent damage to the eco-system and to our efforts to cling to what makes us enjoy where we and generations will live.

Do not approve this project. Stop it before the federal government takes our ability to voice our concerns away completely.

Sincerely,

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