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April 30, 2003

Joseph C. Cressy, Chairman
Town of Edgartown Harbor Planning Group
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Edgartown, MA 02539

Dear Chairman Cressy:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to renew the approval of the Edgartown *Municipal* Harbor Plan. This approval is effective immediately.

In accordance with the provisions set forth at 301 CMR 23.04, my staff held a public hearing in Edgartown on April 1, 2003, for the purpose of receiving public testimony relative to the town's request for renewal. All in attendance spoke in favor of renewal, and written comments received during the 30-day public comment period were uniformly supportive.

The Report on Implementation submitted by the Edgartown Harbor Planning Group, dated February 2003, highlights the achievement of a number of planning objectives of the original plan. Pursuant to 301 CMR 23.04(4)(b), I have concluded that ongoing implementation of the town's 1997 vision for its harbor will continue to promote the water-related public interests protected by the standards set forth in 301 CMR 23.05. Additionally, I find that the town has provided sufficient justification for the renewal to be extended for a period of ten years from the date of approval.

This approval decision letter includes by reference the language and provisions of the Decision on the Town of Edgartown Request for Approval of the Edgartown Harbor Plan, dated October 2, 1997, and signed by then-Secretary Trudy Coxe. This Decision will expire on April 30, 2013, unless a renewal request is submitted prior to that date. No later than six months prior to said expiration date, the town shall notify the Secretary in writing of its intent to request a renewal and shall submit therewith an updated review of the implementation to date.

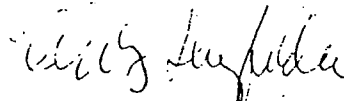
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I congratulate the Town of Edgartown and the Harbor Planning Group for their commitment to the proactive management of Edgartown's harbor resources.

Regards,



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