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May 12, 2015

Mr. Theodore L. Keon, Director
Department of Coastal Resources
Town of Chatham
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Chatham, MA 02633

Re: Decision on the Renewal of the South Coastal Harbor Management Plan.

Dear Mr. Keon:

I am writing to inform you of my decision today, to renew the approval of the Town of Chatham's South Coastal Harbor Management Plan (SCHMP). This approval is effective immediately.

The Town's renewed SCHMP was submitted to my office in January 2015. In accordance with the provisions set forth at 301 CMR 23.04, the availability of the renewal for public review and comment was noticed in the January 21, 2015 Environmental Monitor. on February 5, 2015 my Office of Coastal Zone Management held a public hearing in Chatham for the purpose of receiving public testimony relative to the proposed SCHMP renewal. All in attendance spoke in favor of the renewal, and no written comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

I want to commend the Town of Chatham for the important progress you have made on numerous recommendations and planning objectives contained in the 2005 SCHMP, as

documented in Addendum 2, Report on Implementation. Several of the significant accomplishments to date include: implementation of the town's wastewater management program, which directly protects and improves water quality within all of the town's coastal embayments; analysis of the potential impacts from private docks and piers on estuarine habitat, resulting in the adoption of a town zoning bylaw which prohibits the installation of new private single family docks and piers within the Stage Harbor Complex; and evaluation of alternative mooring tackle in sensitive habitat to reduce potential impacts to bottom habitat and water quality.

Pursuant to 301 CMR 23.04(4)(b), I have concluded that the ongoing implementation of the SCMP, including this 2015 renewed version, will continue to advance and promote the water-related public interests protected by the standards set forth in 301 CMR 23.05. I note that the SCMP Plan does not contain any provisions to amplify or substitute for discretionary requirements of the Massachusetts Waterways Regulations at 310 CMR 9.00 for use the Department of Environmental Protection's licensing decisions. This approval is for a period of seven years from the date of approval, as requested by the Town.

This approval decision letter includes by reference, the language and provisions of the Secretary's Decision on the Town of Chatham Request for Approval of the original Chatham Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan, dated August 19, 1994, and subsequent renewal decisions in 1999 and 2005. This decision will expire on May 12, 2022 unless a renewal request is submitted prior to that date. No later than six months prior to said expiration date, the Town shall submit in writing its intent to request a renewal and shall submit therewith an updated review of the implementation to date.

I want to recognize and express my gratitude to the South Coastal Harbor Management Plan Review Committee, elected officials, community residents, and all others who volunteered their time and effort over the course of many meetings for their forward-thinking, proactive management of the unique resources of the Stage Harbor complex and the adjoining waters of the Chatham Southway and Nantucket Sound, and I congratulate all involved on the Town's accomplishments.

Sincerely,



Matthew A. Beaton

Secretary

Cc:

Bruce Carlisle, CZM Director

Brad Washburn, CZM Assistant Director

Stephen McKenna, CZM Cape & Islands Regional Coordinator

Lealdon Langley, Director, MassDEP, Wetlands and Waterways

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May 11, 2015

Matthew A. Beaton, Secretary
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**Re: Town of Chatham's South Coastal Harbor Management Plan Amendment
("Plan") Approval.**

Dear Secretary Beaton:

The Department of Environmental Protection, Waterways Regulation Program (WRP) has reviewed the Town of Chatham's South Coastal Harbor Management Plan Amendment, dated May, 2015. WRP staff has worked with Chatham's Waterways Advisory Board, Harbormaster, its Board of Selectmen, and the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) throughout the planning process, and hereby find that the protected interests of the c.91 statute and regulations have been adequately addressed and incorporated into the final Plan. The WRP, therefore, recommends that you approve the Plan and make a finding that it is consistent with state tidelands policy objectives, as required by 301 CMR 23.05(3).

In accordance with the provisions of 310 CMR 9.34(2), the Department will require conformance with any applicable provisions of the approved Plan in the case of all waterways license applications submitted subsequent to the MHP's effective date. It will apply as well to all pending applications for which no public hearing has occurred or where the required public comment period has not expired by the effective date of the MHP.

The WRP looks forward to continuing its work with CZM and the Town of Chatham in the implementation of this important planning effort. Should you have any questions in regard to the foregoing, please contact me at (617)292-5615. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ben Lynch
Program Chief
Waterways Regulation Program

cc: Jill R. Goldsmith, Town Manager
Bruce Carlisle, CZM Director
Steve McKenna, CZM Cape and Islands Regional Coordinator
Lealdon Langley, Wetlands & Waterways Program Director, DEP
Ted Keon, Director of Coastal Resources
Stuart Smith, Harbormaster
Chatham Waterways Advisory Board
WRP Harbor Planning File

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Goldsmith", is located at the bottom center of the page. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.