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Ken,

I have not received the information from DMF on water temperatures and salinity in the inner harbor that Paul mentioned at our last meeting. So, for the purposes of tomorrow's meeting, we'll still be at the same point as before -- that the habitat is not seriously degraded and provides important spawning habitat for winter flounder. As mentioned previously, we're open to any additional information that may support the state's assertions in the documents submitted to date with respect to habitat values.

On a related note, the National Marine Fisheries Service informed me yesterday, and asked that I inform you, that it no longer will participate in the review of the South Terminal project. In light of the recent filing by Cape Wind of a Construction and Operation Plan with BOEMRE that documents in writing that Quonset, RI, will remain the staging facility for the wind farm, NMFS believes that the context for reviewing the South Terminal project has changed substantially and requires revisiting, among other things, the alternatives analysis, which was principally predicated on the requirements of the Cape Wind project.

See you tomorrow afternoon. We'll be in the same conference room on the first floor.

Matt Schweisberg



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