

# From the RISAA MAIL BOX



Last month, the RISAA Board of Directors decided that they should share, with all members, the many formal letters, fisheries and environmental input documents, etc. that the Board sends out almost every month. Input from members is important feedback to the Board. Here are a few comments received....

## The Board submitted formal comments to Office of Renewal Energy, BOEM, regarding the South Fork Wind Farm Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Do you remember when Al Gore told us that solar power would solve the energy issue? How did that work? Instead, someone came up with the idea I consider polluting the oceans called the Windfarms. Now, supposedly, this is an energy saver. Here is my take:

I read your letter addressing the issues with the new Windfarm proposal. You have many sound and key points, but unfortunately I believe that it will fall on deaf ears.

Back when they were making proposals for the Block Island Windfarm, David Monti wrote all kinds of articles on how great the Windfarm was for energy and fishing, they even took people out on a party boat fishing to toot their own horn. Everyone said what a great thing that it was going to be.

I sent in a bunch of emails to RISAA, David Monti, NOAA, the people building the Windfarms off Long Island, and even the companies that put out the near fishing seminars about how good everything is, except that I disagreed.

My emails stated, in my opinion, that once the door was open to construct these Windfarms, our opinions wouldn't matter any longer. I was told that our opinions would matter, but as I can begin to see, they won't matter.

First it is the recreational sector, then the charter/party boat sector and then the commercial sector. The ball has been put into motion where we will not be asked for our opinions and they will deplete our fishing spots one at a time. They won't get all of them, but many of them will have the Windfarms in some of the best offshore fishing spots.

My questions are:

If these are so good, how come they are not being built on people's property?

And, would you want one on your property?

What kind of noise do they produce? How does the noise and vibrations affect the fish?

I noticed that the snack shack at Salty Brine State Beach took their windmill down?

Will the ridiculous price of a hamburger on Block Island go down because the electric bill is cheaper?

It's funny that all you hear about are the positive points, but what about the bad points? You notice that they never bring those up.

They claim that this creates new quality jobs. How many of them are permanent jobs? I am skeptical.

Disappointed,  
**Roman Dudus**

### *Regarding RISAA comments to SFWF EIS.....*

Interesting! Thanks for sharing your good work.

**Dan Watson**

Great work!

**Peter Fay**

Thanks for the updates.

**John Sousa**

Great idea to keep members "engaged." I look forward to receiving these email notifications.

**Jack Bosch**

Thank you for the work done on this. Well done.

**John Stavrakas**

Good idea to share the letters. Most would not know of the issues without the letters. There is obviously a lot of reserch into the draft necessary to bring forward the issues. Being on a board for more than 10 years, I understand all the hard work tht goes unseen by most members.

**Michael Hagen**

### *Regarding the March 29 Seminar by Capt. Brian Bacon*

That was one of the best seminars last night. Very informative.

**Richard Reich**

Great presentation last night. Thanks.

**Michael Ballback**

That was a really good and educational seminar full of plenty of details. There should be a lot more fish being weighed in for the tournaments this year. Thank you for putting that one together.

**Roman Dudus**

Great seminar.

**Terrence Tehan**

Best seminar on fishing the Block in a long time. People chartering with Brian will learn a lot.

**Peter Vican**