

LETTER TO GOVERNOR (from page 20)

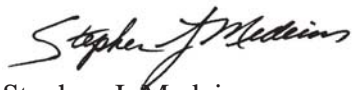
This causes confusion when staff is unsure if they will be supported by the Council when tough decisions are required. In the case of the South Fork Wind project staff said clearly "...the location of the SFW project on Cox Ledge, an area known for its biological diversity, is in our view one of the worst possible locations within Rhode Island Sound for this project." The Council still pushed ahead with full approval.

First, the composition of the Council, which you inherited, is not reflective of those using our coastal resources in Rhode Island. The issues with the Council are further complicated by the fact that the terms of all Council Members, except for the DEM Director's designee, have expired. We believe that you should appoint new, qualified Council members who have a better understanding of the Rhode Island marine environment and will preserve, protect, and where possible, restore the marine environment in our great State.

The Bay and the ocean are our most important resource and we must protect that resource for future generations. We are here to serve to help you appoint recreational users engaged with our coastal resources.

Thank you for listening to our comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Medeiros
President



Richard C. Hittinger
1st Vice President

From the RISAA MAIL BOX



The Letter to the Governor was shared with all members. Many comments came in...

Loved your letter to the Governor. I suspect that he, like 99.9% of Rhode Islanders, has no idea what is going on with our precious waterways.

Fred Definis

Well done. RISAA's collective voice will surely be heard with this letter. CRMC is feeling pressure from several angles now so hopefully they will solicit some advice from RISAA's members and changes will result. Thank you for making the time to write this.

And Rich, congratulations on being appointed to **Rep. Ruggerio's** commission. I feel much better knowing recreational anglers have a seat at that table as CRMC gets rebuilt.

Todd Corayer

Great letter!

Walt Galloway

Excellent letter to the Governor.

Thank you!

Ted Furtado

Great letter Steve an Rich. We have to protect our fishery as much as possible. The wind mills at Block Island have not worked properly since May. I have fished the Coxes Ledge area since I was 8 years old with my grand father and brother who just passed away. This project will be the kiss of death to that fishery.

Thanks for keeping us all informed you guys do a great job.

Bob Matteson

Great letter Steve and Rich. Congratulations Rich on your appointment to the important Commission to Study the CRMC.

Jean Bowen

Well done Rich and Steve!

James Riggs

Great letter. Unbridled leadership, especially when it pertains to fragile decisions cannot happen!

We rely heavily on recreational and commercial aquaculture, as this is why we are called the 'Ocean State!' It is our livelihood and our future! We can not squander it!

Peter Nilsen

President

Rhody Fly Rodders

Excellent letter. Thank you Steve and Rich.

Sincerely,

Paul Boutiette

Bravo!

Mark Jacobs

Great letter! All true and correct.

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