

May 23, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Reconstruction of the Saxis Pier damaged by Hurricane Sandy, and  
Construction of a Buffering Reef at The Saxis Pier**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club endorses and supports efforts to reconstruct the fishing pier at Saxis, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia in Accomack County, and to construct a protective habitat reef that will buffer the pier from storms as well as provide habitat that is conducive to fish and other aquatic animals.

This pier, which was damaged by Hurricane Sandy in late 2012, is one of the most important public-access fishing locations in our area. In addition to providing daily access to Chesapeake Bay fishing, it has been the site of many youth fishing outings that have been hosted by the Anglers Club and which in turn were supported by fishing license revenue distributed by the Marine Resources Commission and the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board. In fact, that same Commission and Board allocated funds in the past for the construction of this pier, and approved funds for the same purpose in 2013.

Due to the urgency of reconstruction needs, we urge the Town of Saxis, the County of Accomack, the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, and the Marine Resources Commission to do whatever each is capable of doing in order to get this much-used facility back and serving youth and adult anglers alike, and to assist with the construction of the aforementioned protective reef.

Sincerely,

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