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Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB)  
C/O Ms. Sonya Davis  
Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)  
2600 Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
Newport News, Virginia 23607

RE: Chincoteague Historic Bridge Site Fishing Pier

Dear Ms. Davis,

Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN), our members, and the angling community support the Board and their continued efforts to improve public access to Virginia's coast.

VCAN supports the Town of Chincoteague's effort to build the Chincoteague Historic Bridge Site Fishing Pier (the Pier) on Chincoteague Island. This public access improvement project significantly increases the public's opportunity to participate in recreational outdoor activities and the appreciation of Virginia's coastal environment. The construction of the Pier will improve public access for land-based saltwater fishing, accommodate people with disabilities, and improve the recreational opportunities in the Robert N. Reed Park. In addition to being ADA compliant, the Pier will provide greater fishing access to the deeper waters of Chincoteague channel.

We recommend RFAB approval of the Town of Chincoteague's requested project funding as a partnership with the VMRC to benefit Virginia saltwater recreational fishing license holders, Americans with disabilities, and the general public.

Our non-profit thanks the RFAB and the VMRC for their continued efforts to improve public access and the protection of Virginia's coast through the creation and support of beneficial public access and environmental improvement projects.

Sincerely,

Mark Feltner, President

E-copy: Kat Edwards/Accomack-Northampton PDC