



Resolution

08-03

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY WATERMEN'S BOAT BASIN at KENT NARROWS

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners recognize that the Kent Narrows has historically been the home of the County's commercial fishing industry and has been a principle harbor to commercial fishing vessels and home to many seafood processing companies; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry has helped to form and define Queen Anne's County's economy and culture and is an important part of the County's history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners recognize that the Queen Anne's County Watermen's Boat Basin at Kent Narrows is necessary for the continued viability of an irreplaceable fleet; and

WHEREAS, the public marina at the Kent Narrows has historically been home to much of the county's working fleet; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2005, in the interest of preserving the commercial fishing heritage of Queen Anne's County and ensuring the watermen's livelihood now and for future generations, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously voted to grant preference to commercial watermen on the slip renters' waiting list; and

WHEREAS, The Queen Anne's County Commissioners do hereby affirm that it is indeed in the public's best interest to continue to accommodate the County's commercial fishing fleet; specifically in the heritage area historically linked to that

industry; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 06-14 the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County affirmed their commitment to naming the Queen Anne's County Watermen's Boat Basin at Kent Narrows a "Heritage Harbor", preserving the same and granting preference to commercial watermen in the allocation of slips;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland this 15th day of April, 2008 that commercial watermen, as defined by the Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall continue to have preference in the awarding of slip space at the Queen Anne's County Watermen's Boat Basin at Kent Narrows and that, so long as there are sufficient commercial watermen to occupy the same, at least 80 percent of available slips at the facility shall be made available to licensed commercial watermen of Maryland.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

ATTEST:

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THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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