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Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
U.S. Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Chris Van Hollen
U.S. Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Tar Bay Gaps (Dorchester County) Dredging and Stabilization of Channel

Dear Senators Cardin and Van Hollen:

On behalf of the Delmarva Fisheries Association (DFA), which includes the Dorchester Seafood Heritage Association, we are writing in wholehearted support of the dredging of Tar Bay Gaps and stabilization of the channel.

Amount of Funds requested: \$500,000

Project Description: To possibly supplement funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Port Authority for the Tar Bay dredging and/or stabilization of the channel with a stone jetty to prevent silting due to north winds or to use this funding in conjunction with the Tar Bay dredging project for stabilization.

Additional Funds Being Sought/Allocated for project: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Porth Authority have indicated that estimated funds of \$3 million have been earmarked for the dredging project.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Capt. Robert Newberry
Chairman

cc: Dorchester County Council
Dorchester Seafood Heritage Association