

February 11, 2013

CT DEEP

Office of Long Island Sound Programs

79 Elm St.

Hartford, Ct. 06106-5127

Attn. Kristen Bellantuono

RE: Waterfront Magee, LLC-Application # 201217377-KB

Dear Ms. Bellantuono:

Rubino Brothers is a 3rd generation water dependent industrial user of the East Branch of Stamford Harbor. We have some comments and concerns regarding this proposed application.

Our company is a very active user of the Stamford Harbor. In any given year 50 – 60 barges of scrap metal processed at our facility at 560 Canal St. Stamford, Ct. passes through the East Branch on its way to its destination usually at an export facility in New Jersey. This traffic occurs over all 12 months of the year and at times we will encounter recreational boating traffic.

Maritime experts that we have consulted have determined that this project in its present configuration will not only impede barge traffic but make the East Branch not only unsafe for our needs but also for everyone who uses this very valuable resource. In order for this project to be approved we feel that it should be redesigned to guarantee not only safe and unimpeded barge traffic but should also take into consideration the concerns of all other parties who use this stretch of Federal Waterway.

To ship by barge is not only the safest and most economical method for us to transport our product to its destination but also the most the most environmentally friendly as the only other alternative to barging would be to transport by truck onto our already overcrowded federal highway system.

Rubino Brothers not only appreciates the opportunity to comment on this application which could have potentially serious implications on our business but also to thank you for your department's efforts and concerns for all those involved in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Anthony Rubino
President
Rubino Brothers, Inc.