

## Gonyea, Donald

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**From:** James Salce [james.salce@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 5:20 PM  
**To:** Gonyea, Donald  
**Subject:** Re: MILL RIVER Ffld.

James Salce wrote:

> James Salce wrote:

>> Mr. Donald Gonyea; Hello, my name is Jim Salce I'm 68 years old,& I  
>> was on the Fairfield Shellfish Comm. for a total of 14 yrs. I worked  
>> as a Seed Oystermen for 20 yrs. & as a hard shell clammer for another  
>> 20 yrs. I was a member of the CT. Natural Growth Oystermens Assn .  
>> for 20 yrs. In my experience stirring the bottom for just three,  
>> eight hour days causes oysters to begin retaining silt and it would  
>> be similar for the clams. The clams & Oysters will first stop feeding  
>> to avoid the silt, but they must eventually filter feed & that when  
>> the problem starts. The Shellfish over time will acquire to much silt  
>> and die. Depending on the extent of the plume as to how far down  
>> river it travels is of Great Concern to Me & Six other Company's that  
>> I know of that Clam & Oyster at the Mouth of South Port Harbor. This  
>> is a Very Productive Area for Shellfish a Multi-Million Dollar  
>> Industry is in the Outer Harbor and adjoining it. Monitoring of not  
>> only the water but of the Shellfish should be done. < Silt is a  
>> killer of Shellfish > I don't wish to see another disaster like the  
>> first time. Poor Management Supervision !!! They dredged the river  
>> then they cleaned the plant < EXIDE > & washed the inside of the  
>> Plant and the drains put Lead Back In The MILL RIVER !!!! ??????.  
>> Proper Supervision Is A MUST !!!.. The best time of year for this  
>> project might very well be the winter when Shellfish are most  
>> dormant. If Necessary in \_\_\_\_< Two or MORE WINTERS > Mining the  
>> Impact On The Environment !! If Shellfishermen's lively hood's are  
>> impacted they should be compensated by EXIDE and let EXIDE agree to  
>> this as part of this Project <So It Will Be Done Right This Time>  
>> !!! Sincerely, Jim Salce  
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> cc: Carolyn Fusaro @ CT. Gov  
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