

Gonyea, Donald

From: Mary von Conta [mvonconta@optonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 2:23 PM
To: Gonyea, Donald
Cc: Steadman Geoff (1); Steadman Geoff (2)
Subject: Request for extension of NPDES comment period

Dear Mr. Gonyea,

Thank you for traveling to Fairfield last night to address questions and concerns of the Shellfish Commission and others concerning the proposal by Exide Group, Inc. to dredge lead-contaminated sediments from the Mill River and Southport Harbor, and specifically for your thoughtful and straightforward responses to the issues that were raised concerning Exide's NPDES permit application now being reviewed by your agency. As we discussed last night, I am writing on behalf of the Fairfield Harbor Management Commission to request that the public comment period regarding the NPDES application be extended from February 20th to February 28th. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harbor Management Commission will be on February 19. At that time the commission intends to render a decision with recommendations concerning the complex Exide proposal, including the NPDES application, proposed Remedial Action Plan, and requested General Permit. We will then provide our findings and recommendations to all of the involved agencies. The requested extension of the comment period will be consistent with the public comment period regarding the proposed Remedial Action Plan and should give the Harbor Management Commission sufficient time to finalize our comments after our meeting on the 19th. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mary von Conta, Chairman
Fairfield Harbor Management Commission