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Fishers Island Ferry District
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To whom it may concern:

Request for permission to utilize the Fishers Island, NY Ferry Terminal for the purpose of unloading and transporting prepackaged seafood to the New London FI Ferry Terminal.

Purpose for request-

We are a Connecticut based fishing company that has operated from New London Seafood Dist., New London, CT since 1989. Our fleet of stern trawlers operate in Long Island Sound, Block Island Sound and the Atlantic up to 50 miles offshore. We hold fisheries permits from CT, RI and New York, as well as Federal Fisheries permits. Every state has different regulations and quotas for the different species of fish we harvest. Consequently we can only land in each state the allowed quotas.

In many instances the three different states have quota openings and closures that do not coincide with each other. There are instances where NY will have openings whereas CT might be closed. If we are able to work with the FI Ferry District (FIFD) our boats can take advantage of unloading their "NY" catch on the way home to their home port of New London, CT. Geographically where our vessels fish and transit, it is not often convenient for them to land and unload in Montauk, NY. Montauk is 1-2 hours away from our fishing ground and then 2-3 hours transit back to New London. It is for this reason we are requesting to work together with the Fishers Island Ferry District group.

Fishing vessels involved-

- 1) F/V- Carley Grace, 55'x18'x7 Stern Trawler owned and operated by Captain Scott Yerman, F&W Fisheries, LLC 114 Smith St., New London, CT.
- 2) F/V- Samantha Brooke II, 55'x17'x7' Stern Trawler owned and operated by Captain Gary Yerman, Compatible Marine, LLC 114 Smith St., New London, CT.

- 3) F/V- All for Joy, 55'x18'x7' Stern Trawler owned and operated by Captain Rick Lofstad Arlene & Carrie Inc. Saratoga Springs, NY. Home port- New London, CT.

Hours of operation-

Due to the erratic nature of the fishing industry, our vessels do not have any fixed schedules. They come and go according to the weather, tides and market timing. We have been in contact with RJ Burns (FIFD) discussing this project for some time. We have done a "dry run" with our 18' refrigerated one ton van from New London to Fishers Island. We have also taken our Captains on "dry runs into the FI terminal when the F/V Race Point was at the pier. This was done when Captain Jesse was aboard the Race Point. We wanted to check to make sure there was plenty of room in the FI turn around basin, should both a fishing vessel and one of the ferries land simultaneously. There was plenty of room for both. Most of our landings will be at off hours from the ferry schedule. Should they occasionally both be in at the same time, they will follow proper seamanship protocols and there will be no conflicts.

We have discussed with RJ (FIFD) the need for discretions with noise and night time lighting levels. We are very aware of these concerns. We are confident there won't be any instances and if something should arise we can certainly correct any needs.

Packaging and Handling-

Our vessels package their seafood in waxed cardboard boxes holding 60# of fish and ice. These pre- packaged boxes of fish will be moved from the boat landing at the island immediately into watertight insulated containers. We intend to use two methods of transporting our fish off Fishers Island. We will either bring our van to the Island via the ferry. Leave it a designated parking area. When the boat lands in the basin, they will load the cartons in the van for transport back to New London. The second method will be to utilize the insulated trailer and holding vats owned by the Ferry company. In that case, we would notify the Ferry company about a vessel intending to land and unload. They would have the trailer available on the island. We would put our boxes in the vats & the Ferry Co. would transport it back to New London for pick up.

We will make all necessary arrangements for the smooth transition of this product from the island to the mainland. We will provide any and all fisheries documentation and have this paperwork available for inspection by any fisheries agents, should the need arise.

During the winter months (December - March) the size of our vessels (55') limits the amount of fishing trips they do. They usually fish 1-2 trips per week because of inclement weather. This means we will utilize the FI pier 3-6 times per week. The vessels have their own booms for lifting the cartons off the boats into either vats or into a waiting van. Our estimate for actual pier time for the unloading process will only take 15/20 minutes. The average unloading will be from 10-15 x 60# cartons.

The time spent at the pier unloading during the spring & summer won't change much. With the nicer weather the boats usually average 3/5 days per week fishing. This equates into 9/15

landings on the Island per week. The volume of cartons will be similar as in winter.

Public relations & growth-


On our initial trip over to the Island doing our investigative "dry run", myself and one of our Captains rode home on the afternoon boat. We were surprised at the numbers of young kids coming off island. Upon discussing this with RJ he explained about the island school program. We were very impressed. We discussed with RJ the possibility of coordinating some field trips of FI students to the pier, watch the unloading process, and visiting one of commercial trawlers. It would be interesting and great exposure for the students education in one of New England's oldest professions.

We are also associated with Old Lyme Seafood. They have been a CT business for 50 years. They specialize in the freshest seafood from our local waters, and around the country. We have discussed with RJ the possibility of them coming to Fishers Island once a week during the busy summer season. They would be bringing with them a selection of fresh and frozen seafood to include fluke, flounder, salmon, shrimp and scallops. They additionally carry smoked fish, prepared lobster bisque, shrimp & scallop bisque along with other dishes ready to warm up & serve. We hope to be able to utilize a small area at the Island Terminal area in which to set up . If this is approved and works well, we have contacts that do "Green market" beef, they might be interested in coming to the Island as well. We would not want to be in conflict with any on Island businesses. It is our intention to work with the Island providing what is currently available on the mainland. We are confident the Island population would love these products.

This project is new ground for New London Seafood and the vessels looking to unload on the Island. We do not expect many hitches but are confident we can work together to overcome any issues. New London Seafood Dist. has been in business located just south of the FI Ferry Terminal since 1989. We are home to about a dozen local and transient commercial fishing vessels. We unload and arrange transport of 6-8 million pounds of seafood annually. We are a fully integrated fishing company delivering seafood daily to the NY Fulton Fish Market, we also service Baltimore MD, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh PA, New Bedford, MA, Point Judith RI and Portland , ME.

Thank you for your consideration on this project. Should you have any questions I can be reached directly at (860)227-7283 or by e-mail at swim@snet.net .

Sincerely yours,


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