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Good afternoon,

Thank you for allowing me to participate in the meeting last night. I still have many unanswered questions and concerns about the design of the fish pier entrance. The notion that this entrance space can be a place for people to gather is ridiculous. What is a fuel, ice or fish truck supposed to do when they pull in on a sunny Saturday afternoon and there are 20 people gathered round. The plan presented last night will negatively impact commerce at the pier and expose all who use the fish pier to unnecessary liability and loss-time events due to pedestrian traffic. This design, literally encourages people to gather in a high traffic area. A commercial fish pier entrance should be clearly marked with signage and line paintings informing pedestrians that trucks are turning and entering. Any design feature in this area that encourages people to gather is clearly an idea from someone with zero knowledge of the daily operations of a fish pier and The Harbormasters office.

I would also like dimensions or a scale drawing of the proposed turn-around to confirm there is adequate room for a semi-truck to make the manouvar into the pier in the rare absence of pedestrians.

My proposal is that the dimensions of the pier entrance be confirmed as adequate and any and all design features in that immediate area that could "invite" pedestrians to congregate, be removed from the design. This would exlude benches, decorative pavers used in other pedestrian areas and the addition of signage warning pedestrians of trucks turning and entering. This would make the area safer for fishermen and pedestrians as well as have the least impact on commerce at the pier.

This weekend I will be reaching out to both state and federal level Fisheries contacts as well as working waterfront advocates to discuss this matter and request their involvement. I will also be seeking more public involvement in defense of the working waterfront access.

I ask you to consider the simple changes I have laid out above. I love calling the City of Newburyport my home-port. I hope to be able to for many years to come and I only seek to protect our interests so future generations of fishermen can do the same.

Have a good weekend,

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