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Dear Mr. Collier,

I have reviewed the revised plans for the proposed expansion of the Great Harbor Yacht Club at 96 Washington Street Extension. I also examined the Environmental Notification Form and found that several aspects of the project are not finalized. Specifically, impacts to eelgrass and shellfish resources as well as essential fish habitat were not spelled out clearly since the project proponent may alter the project design slightly to minimize impacts. Also, it is not clear how unavoidable impacts from dredging, pier and dock construction and normal marina operations will be mitigated. Clearly if we are to understand the impacts of this project on the resources of Nantucket Harbor, an Environmental Impact Report is required that fully addresses how the applicant has minimized and mitigated environmental impacts.

Sincerely,



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