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Dear Mr. David J. Rosen,

Please find below the responses to your questions, provided to the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) in a letter dated April 20, 2015.

Senator Barnes:

Question: Why has the [Department] proposed to sell 90 acres of State-owned critical habitat (the former Durand Glass Manufacturing Co. Tract within the Menantico Ponds Wildlife Management Area) to the City of Millville for industrial development?

Answer: Please be advised that this matter is still pending at the Department. Information and analysis regarding the proposed conveyance can be found on the Department's Report, dated October 2014, available online at: <http://goo.gl/MvxM5B>.

Question: In the [Department's] proposed FY 2016 budget, how much Corporation Business Tax (CBT) revenue is allocated to historic preservation projects?

Answer: The FY 2016 budget allocates three percent of the portion of the CBT dedication for "Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation" to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for its historic preservation program. See relevant budget language on page D-118 of the FY 2016 Budget. The portion of the CBT dedication recommended for "Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation" is \$46,219,000 (see page D-116 of the FY 2016 Budget). The three percent to be transferred to DCA for historic preservation is thus \$1,387,000. In addition, DEP

will use a portion of its FY16 CBT allocation for "Recreational Land Development and Conservation" for preservation of historic sites owned and maintained by the State.

Senator Van Drew:

Question: Who is responsible for actually or physically cleaning up New Jersey's in-State artificial reefs?

Answer: The Department is currently finalizing the artificial reefs rule proposal at N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.5A. These rules codify the use of commercial and recreational gear at the State's reefs. To ensure the reefs are properly maintained, several proposed requirements set necessary standards: defining the useable area, known as a Full Access Zone, for commercial and recreational fishermen utilizing lobster, fish, or conch pots; establishing improved marking and gear setting and tending requirements for more effective enforcement; and prescribing significant penalties for non-compliance.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide additional information. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 609.292.6877.

Sincerely,



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