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April 3, 2013

The Honorable Carolyn A. Kirk
Mayor of Gloucester
9 Dale Avenue
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Dear Mayor Kirk:

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has received and accepted your request for a review of the City of Gloucester's Designated Port Area (DPA) pursuant to MGL 301 CMR 25.03(1) and finds that the information submitted with your request is adequate to begin the review process. Based on your request, CZM will conduct a review of the entire DPA boundary to determine whether areas included are in substantial conformance with the criteria that govern suitability of the waters and land to accommodate water-dependent industrial use.

CZM believes that a comprehensive boundary review is appropriate at this time as there has not been a comprehensive review of Gloucester's DPA boundary since it was established, and the information gathered during this process will be important for the City's ongoing municipal harbor planning and DPA master planning efforts.

Notice of the review will be published in the April 24th *Environmental Monitor* and in the local newspaper. CZM will accept public comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of the *Monitor* and will hold a public information meeting in Gloucester during that time. Upon close of the public comment period, CZM will arrange a consultation session with appropriate representatives from the City, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and others to obtain further input and assistance in conducting the review, including the creation of a work plan and a target schedule for the review.

We look forward to working with you and your staff throughout this DPA boundary review process.

Sincerely,

Bruce K. Carlisle
Director





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