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Mayor Carolyn A. Kirk  
City of Gloucester  
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Dear Mayor Kirk,

On February 25, 2013, the Harbor Plan Committee (HPC) unanimously voted to ask you to make a formal request to The Commonwealth of MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM) to conduct a full boundary review of our city's Designated Port Area.

The HPC has had several briefings from Kathryn Glenn, the CZM Regional Coordinator, on the boundary review process. It is a formal process, governed by 301 CMR 25.03, in which the agency considers whether the areas under review are in substantial conformance with criteria that govern suitability to accommodate water-dependent industrial use. The standards that govern the designation of lands are the following four:

- The land area includes or is contiguous with other DPA lands that include a substantially developed shoreline
- Reasonable proximity to rail or road links, and water and sewer facilities capable of supporting industrial use
- Topography that is conducive to or easily adapted to industrial use
- Use character is predominantly industrial or does not contain a dense concentration of non-industrial buildings.

The process is expected to take approximately 12-15 months, and is governed by an explicit public process by which CZM gathers information, hosts local public meetings, and submits its findings for public comment. At the close of the process, the Director of CZM issues a final written decision which is final. The boundary of the DPA is then as designated by that decision.

Respectfully,

Richard Noonan, Chairman  
Harbor Planning Committee

Paul McGear, Vice-Chairman  
Harbor Planning Committee

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