



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION



December 12, 2005

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol Executive Chambers—Room 210
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

SUBJECT: MARITIME POLICY

Pursuant to public law, the Connecticut Maritime Commission was established to advise the Commissioner of Transportation, the Governor, and the General Assembly on issues in support of the development of Connecticut's ports and the enhancement of maritime commerce. To that end, the Commission was directed to develop and forward a recommendation for a Maritime Policy. Enclosed with this letter is the Maritime Policy developed over the past nine months and unanimously approved by the Commission members at our meeting held on 17 November 2005.

The Maritime Policy focuses on two areas: dredging and economic development. The Policy statement addresses the importance of dredging to maintain channels and harbors that are vital to the State's economic stability and the regions that extend beyond Connecticut borders. Dredging of the channels is crucial to the viability of the three major ports in Connecticut. However, maintaining adequate water depths in our smaller port harbors and channels also has an economic effect that will impact employment and the quality of life we so much enjoy in Connecticut.

The second part of the Maritime Policy concerns economic development itself. It addresses the importance of stimulating various maritime capital projects to promote the maritime community so it can flourish and maintain a strong economic base for the State.

The Connecticut Maritime Commission recognizes that this is a recommended policy; however, it hopes that you and the State Legislature will adopt, endorse, and promote it. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Commission if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully yours,
CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Toyen".

Martin Toyen
Chairman

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Enclosure