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Subject: Report to the Commission on commercial vessel fees

Gentlemen: Last week I had extensive discussions with Rubino Brothers and O&G Industries on our proposed commercial vessel fees and how some of that money could be spent to benefit Stamford Harbor and its waterfront industries.

Anthony Rubino, owner of Rubino Brothers, informed me that he is taking over the lease of Stamford Metals and that property will be used by the Rubino Bros. for its operations.

"I have no objections to these fees especially if they can be used for Harbor improvements.," he told me last week.

He was keenly interested and supportive of any dredging studies and samples.

He said the East Branch is silting up and was last dredged in 1976-77. Anything the Commission could do with fees revenues to undertake dredging studies samples from the harbor bottom t samples and permit applications would be appreciated and supported.

He said police and harbormaster coverage in the East Brach were adequate.

Mr. Rubino was intrigued by our efforts to obtain a cleaner boat.

He was invited to attend Thursday's public meeting.

Richard Warren, O&G's Stamford rep was more cautious and expressed some concerns about the fees.

I told him the proposed \$50 per vessel is the low range and the state maximum is \$200.

He offered the following suggestions for use of the commercial fees if approved.

Mr. Warren emphasized dredging in the West Branch and noted that silt released by the removal of the Mill River Dam is now affecting their site and has seriously impacted the nearby Sprague site.

Because of the heavy barge and tug traffic in the West Branch, he liked and supported using some of the fees to increase harbor master and marine police presence during the peak season.

We also discussed the possibility of clearing ice from the west branch during winter cold snaps and noted this would reduce damage to docks and piles.

Mr. Warren was invited to the public hearing.

Messers Rubino and Warren said they would be very interested in partnering with the commission if the fees pass to discuss the best ways to use the revenue to benefit the harbor and their firms.

I noted that one of the commission's core missions to enhance and preserve waterfront and water dependent industries.

The Sprague manager could not be reached, but he has my phone number and e-mail.

His assistant noted the heavy silting at the site and agreed that the fees would least impact on Sprague because their ship volume is much less than O&G Industries and Rubino's.

I will write a brief and separate report if I hear from the Sprague manager, looks like they just have a skeleton here.

Respectfully submitted , Frank M. Fedeli, Harbor Commission administrator