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Dear Mark Zeppetello:

Mark Sanders of Westpoint Harbor notified me of the issue concerning signs that were installed on Greco Island as part of the regulatory permit process for his marina project. I remember well working with Mr. Sanders when he was developing the Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City in 2002. I was the manager of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge during this period.

At that time there was concern that the increased boat traffic from the marina would negatively impact the endangered species habitat on Greco Island, a part of the Refuge across Westpoint Slough from the marina. It was thought that the marina would cause additional human access to Greco Island. In working with the staff at the regulatory agencies including Steve McAdam of BCDC, it was decided that signs should be placed on the island notifying the public that the island was closed to public access. I believe the requirement for installing these signs was a part of some of the marina's development permits.

In 2002/3 I worked with Mr. Sanders on a way to implement this requirement. We ended up deciding it was best to use the Refuge's official signs which would be modified by adding spikes along the top to prevent avian predators from using them as a perch. He provided me with a sample of the signs which his brother had modified with the added spikes. At that point it was agreed that Mr. Sanders would install the signs on the island in locations that would be visible to the public.

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On a visit to Greco Island during the following waterfowl hunting season, I observed that the signs had been installed. I continued seeing them in place until I retired from the Refuge in 2008.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clyde Morris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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