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George W. Hammarth
NYSDEC, SUNY @ Stony Brook
50 Circle Road
Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790-3409

Dear Mr. Hammarth:

The Freeport Tuna Club was established in 1937 with the mission statement of both sport fishing and conservation. With a general membership of over 200, we are not only the oldest sport fishing club on Long Island, but also the largest. One of the high points of the Club's history goes back to the 1960's when with the cooperation of the Town of Hempstead and grants from many fishing related corporate entities, the Club established the Hempstead Town Reef. To this day, our club supports artificial reefing whenever possible. With this commitment to conservation and sport fishing the Freeport Tuna Club supports the proposed plan to use up to 1200 obsolete subway cars to enhance our artificial reef system. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of any further assistance in this important project.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Faza
President