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Dear Councilor [Madden],

Through local discussions and community channels, I have become aware that ADA Aquaculture locations are being proposed within the Tusket Islands Wilderness Area, which is designated as a protected area under the Nova Scotia Wilderness Act. As you are aware, commercial and industrial activities—including aquaculture—are prohibited within wilderness areas under this legislation.

I do not recall any opportunity for public consultation on this matter, and I am deeply concerned by what appears to be the municipal council's position to defer interpretation of the Act to the Province without open local discussion, deliberation, or transparency in the public interest.

I am formally requesting that this issue be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. Specifically, I am asking council to discuss and deliberate on the intent of the Tusket Islands Wilderness Area designation and to consider a motion affirming support for the integrity and clear intent of the Nova Scotia Wilderness Act.

I am not seeking explanations for why this matter has not been addressed to date, nor do I support attempts to apply subjective interpretations of the Act to accommodate commercial interests when the legislative intent is clear.

I respectfully urge council to address this matter promptly and to ensure that the Tusket Islands Wilderness Area is protected in Argyle as the Act intended. This is established by law, and I expect it to be upheld without bias or selective interpretation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Gary Surette]