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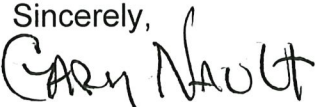
Mayor David Ward
City of Sturgeon Bay
421 Michigan Street
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dear Mayor Ward:

I would like to offer my support for the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) to be located in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. I have guided the waters surrounding Sturgeon Bay and Door County for over 30 years. This area provides sport anglers with fishing adventures for thousands of people every year on some of the Wisconsin's finest fishing waters. Through those years I have seen many changes in these waters going way back to the 60's when DDT threatened our fisheries, the PCBs of the 70's, and how that affected the sport fishing. I have seen the effect of invasive species, rapidly changing water levels, BKD and HIV diseases in our fish populations and how the sea lamprey have all had adverse impact on the fish that roam our waters, as well as it has affected our local economy.

Because Door County has always had a large dependency on the waters that surround it, and how it has the largest ecosystem in all of the locations on Green Bay, makes Sturgeon Bay the natural site for this facility. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Field office, located in Sturgeon Bay, would allow WDNR fish and marine biologists to work hand and hand with the team of the NERR, thus increasing the amount of research that can be provided.

Please extend my support to those who are choosing the location.

Sincerely,

Gary Nault
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