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**Subject:** Nantucket Shoal

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

My name is Allen Rencurrel and I have three boats that fish for Federal Surf Clams that are based out of Hyannis, MA., and I am very concerned about the Nantucket Shoal area.

This is a very well managed fishery and turning this area into another critical habitat will put us all out of business!!! Just two years ago they designated an area southeast of Nantucket a critical habitat which shut down a lot of clamming to us. This would be devastating to the clamming industry in New England.

At any given time there are about twenty boats fishing Nantucket Shoals and I'm sure that they feel the same way that I do. There are also four clam plants in New England that depend on these clams. Designating Nantucket Shoals a critical habitat area would be financially devastating to everyone involved, from plant workers, plant owners, boat owners and crew members and the like.

Please, if you have any questions please call or e-mail me, I would be more than happy to help in any way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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