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Greetings, my name is Ryan Smith and I am a resident of 27 Tea St. in Rockland. The Safe Harbor Marina expansion to service super/mega yachts violates the Natural Resource Protection Act in following ways.

-Adverse Visual Impact

Rockland citizens are rightfully concerned about the potential loss of viewsheds from both Harbor Park and South End Beach Park.

The terms "dominance" and "scale" come to mind. The imposing size and volume of these vessels to be serviced by this marina far out scales anything the public can themselves afford to access and the visual component will dominate the landscape.

-Significant Wildlife Habitat

The cove in question to be further developed is also significant wildlife habitat to sea ducks and, in the summer attracts large schools of menhaden, the States primary source of lobster bait.

I beg of you to look at what mega yachts will Bring to our state. Paul Allen's megayacht alone destroyed 85% of a coral reef habitat in the Cayman Islands. By providing infrastructure for these boats we open up a whole other realm of potential ecological hazards. Thank you for your time.

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