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October 8, 1968

Dr. Carl N. Everstine, Secretary
Legislative Council
Jeffrey Building
16 Francis Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Dr. Everstine:

In accordance with our letter of August 30, 1968 relative to House Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 1967 Session of the Maryland Legislature, enclosed herein is our wetland legislative submittal to the Legislative Council.

The submittal is in three parts:

1. Wetlands - The Legal Context. 1968.
Dennis J. Dimsey. Prepared for the State Planning Department.
2. Maryland's Wetlands, Marshes and Submerged Lands in the Context of Common and Statutory Law. 1968. Prepared by the State Planning Department.
3. Wetland Legislative Alternatives - October 7, 1968.

As we indicated in prior correspondence, it is our hope that the Council can act upon this matter in the current session.

In a few days, we will provide to the Council sufficient additional copies of the above mentioned documents for distribution as is necessary.

The Director of the State Planning Department has offered a modification to the attached Legislative Alternatives for Wetlands - October 7, 1968. In Sections 6 and 6a of Alternative A - Coastal Wetlands, it is suggested that the Department of Game and Inland Fish be substituted for the Board of Natural Resources as the wetland acquisition and management agency in tidal areas. This arrangement would carry with it the expressed understanding that in areas where seafood production and harvest are predominate activities, the Department of Game and Inland Fish shall consult with the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and bring the matter before the Board of Natural Resources. The Board of Natural Resources shall then recommend to the Board of Public Works that management responsibility for areas where seafood production and harvest predominate be with the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. Additionally, the revenues received