



# Congressman Andy Harris, M.D.

## Constituent Authorization Form

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 Street Address: **NR** City, State, Zip Code: Cambridge Md 21613  
 Email Address: **NR** Preferred Method of Contact: either  
 Additional Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief description of problem: I sent this to you earlier -  
Want Dept of Interior - U.S Fish + Wildlife to  
give Maryland 90 hunting days of dove  
hunting - we need compensatory days for not  
being able to hunt on Sunday

Desired resolution: See above

THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 REQUIRES THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR THEIR STAFF OBTAIN WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION BEFORE THEY CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL'S CASE. WE MUST HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE TO PROCEED WITH AN INQUIRY.

I authorize Congressman Andy Harris, M.D. or a member of his staff to look into my case.

Signature: **NR** Date: 4/23/17

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**Emmerich, Cindy**

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**From:** NR  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 4:36 PM  
**To:** Emmerich, Cindy  
**Subject:** Re: Dept. of Interior

We are allowed 90 days of dove hunting by federal fish and wildlife regulations, but because we cannot hunt on Sundays we lose those days, and therefore do not get our 90 day allotment.

After talking with Paul Peditto, our head of Md DNR I believe, Dale Hall Pres of Ducks Unlimited and past head of US Fish and Wildlife and others, they have suggested that your office contact the new Secretary of the Dept of Interior, and in turn US Fish and Wildlife to ask them to give Maryland compensatory days added to our dove season for the days lost due to no hunting on Sunday, so we would then have the 90 days that other states have for their season. Hope this makes sense.

Thanks for your help. Dr Marston Jones

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 13, 2017, at 3:30 PM, Emmerich, Cindy <[Cindy.Emmerich@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cindy.Emmerich@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi NR

Please fill out the attached form and send back to me at the Bel Air district office. Please also include an explanation of what you would like the DOI to do, as per our conversation.

Sincerely,

Cindy Emmerich

Cindy Emmerich  
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Cannuscio, Lisa &lt;lisa\_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: NR**

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**Howarth, Robert** <robert\_howarth@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Lisa M Cannuscio <Lisa\_Cannuscio@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, May 2, 2017 at 1:59 PM

Lisa, please task.

Thanks, Rob

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From: **Giles, Ayesha** <ayesha\_r\_giles@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Tue, May 2, 2017 at 1:55 PM

Subject: Fwd: NR

To: Robert Howarth &lt;robert\_howarth@ios.doi.gov&gt;

New inquiry for entry.

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From: **Emmerich, Cindy** <Cindy.Emmerich@mail.house.gov>

Date: Tue, May 2, 2017 at 9:57 AM

Subject: NR

To: "ayesha\_r\_giles@ios.doi.gov" &lt;ayesha\_r\_giles@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Hi Ayesha,

Attached are the authorization form and an explanation of the inquiry. NR would like Fish and Wildlife to add days to MD dove hunting season.

I very much appreciate your assistance with this matter and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Cindy Emmerich

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May 26, 2017

Secretary Ryan Zinke  
United States Department of Interior  
U.S. Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I am concerned that the Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication Project (CBNEP) is in jeopardy of failing because of the continued reduction of funding by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under the previous administration. While the CBNEP is within two (2) years of achieving its eradication goal, under your predecessor, the Service systematically reduced the annual budget and redirected funding to other programs and activities.

Nutria are an exotic, semi-aquatic species of rodent introduced from South America during the 1940's and are responsible for catastrophic marsh loss on Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and the Delmarva Peninsula. Initiated in 2002, the CBNEP is an internationally recognized invasive species eradication partnership between the Service, the United State Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Tudor Farms, and the states of Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware. To date, nearly \$20 million have been invested in the effort to eradicate the highly invasive nutria.

As you may know, since 2012, federal funding for the CBNEP has been reduced from almost \$1.6 million annually, to approximately \$1.2 million. This amounts to an approximate 25% reduction in funding which, in turn, necessitated a 50% reduction in available field staff. Without this funding, the CBNEP has been unable to finalize what the Service's Acting Director Jim Kurth, in his testimony before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, recognized as a model invasive species eradication effort.

The project is currently in the "verification phase." This phase involves systematically surveying the entire 250,000 acre eradication area for remaining nutria, or their sign, to verify eradication. Funding permitting, the verification phase could be completed by December 2019. However, if the Service continues funding at the \$1.2 million level, that goal will be extended for a minimum of three (3) additional years, to 2022. Conversely, if the CBNEP budget is increased to \$1.8 million (to compensate for the previous five (5) years of budget shortfalls) the project will be completed in 2019, as scheduled. If the project is not properly funded, facilitating the completion

of the "verification phase," it is likely that nutria will re-infest the entire area, rendering the millions of dollars previously invested a waste of federal funding.

The project is currently funded by the Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Given the project's importance to Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay, and by extension, the economies and ecosystems it supports, I respectfully urge you to direct those programs to fund the CBNEP at \$1.8 million for Fiscal Years 18 and 19, respectively.

Thank you for your support of this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Harris, M.D.", written in a cursive style.

Andy Harris, M.D.  
Member of Congress (MD-01)





# United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:  
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AUG 10 2017

The Honorable Andy Harris  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Harris:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Zinke of May 26, 2017, regarding funding for the Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication Project (CBNEP). I am writing to respond to you on his behalf. This highly successful eradication program has removed all known populations of the exotic, invasive nutria from over 250,000 acres of Chesapeake Bay wetlands in six watersheds on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The CBNEP is currently following a protocol recommended by invasive mammal experts for populations of animals on islands or peninsulas, like the Delmarva Peninsula, which is used to reduce the risk that remnant populations may grow and become re-established after eradication of known populations is complete. The project is now in what is known as the “mop up/verification phase” of eradication. In this phase, we use our trapping team and all technology available to us to search treated areas for any sign of nutria. We anticipate completing this process in 2024, if no new nutria populations are detected in the treated areas.

After the “mop up/verification phase” of the eradication process, the CBNEP will be in “biosecurity status,” during which we will maintain a small staff to rapidly respond to any report of nutria in the treated area over a three-year period. When this is complete, we will consider nutria effectively eradicated from the Peninsula. We are optimistic of successful completion of this project.

The CBNEP is funded through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) program and also receives a contribution from the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) account. The NWRS funds are appropriated for Refuge operations. The PFW funds and a portion of the NWRS account funds are used for wildlife control personnel and necessary equipment. A portion of the NWRS account funds pays for expenses of hosting the CBNEP operations at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about the CBNEP, at 413-253-8300 or Dr. Paul R. Phifer, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, at 413-253-8304. Thank you for your continued support for fish and wildlife conservation and the CBNEP.

Sincerely,



Wendi Weber  
Regional Director



**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 13th, 2017

President Donald J. Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We urge you to change the access rules governing the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument to guarantee the fishing rights of both recreational and commercial fishermen. We urge you to lift any restrictions on fishing and return fisheries management to the regional fisheries management councils.

Misusing the authority of the Antiquities Act, President Obama unilaterally, without any consent from Congress or local stakeholders, designated the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument about 130 miles off the coast of Cape Cod. This designation has prohibited commercial fishing in more than 4,900 square miles of ocean, or about an area the size of Connecticut. The rules governing the Monument prohibit all commercial fishing in the area except for lobster and red crab fishing which are exempt from the regulation for seven years. While recreational fishing is currently minimally impacted by the Monument designation there is concern that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) stated, last year, that future restrictions and permit requirements may be necessary for the recreational sector. The recreational sector is also prohibited from anchoring anywhere within the boundaries of the Monument which has the potential to severely impact traditional recreational fishing activities.

For what sensible purpose does the federal government wall off a massive section of ocean and prohibit its use by American citizens?

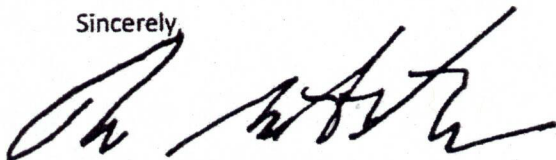
The United States has one of the most highly regulated, most sustainable, and environmentally friendly fisheries systems in the world. By closing off this robust fishery we are ensuring that Americans will be eating more seafood from countries that aren't as responsible as us. We will be enriching the fishing fleets of Asian and European nations, including those hostile to American interests.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act, which governs our fisheries, is designed to ensure sustainable fisheries resources while also producing a maximum sustainable yield for our fishermen. NOAA fisheries and the regional management councils have taken strong measures to reduce the catch of overfished stocks, many times to the detriment of local fishermen. The regional councils are more than capable of preserving our natural resources while at the same time allowing our fisherman to make a living. We should not have to choose between the livelihoods of our fishermen and the health of our fisheries. There is a balance that we are required by law to meet, and when that balance starts to shift too far to the side of the fisheries we start to see drastic consequences in our coastal communities.


The closing of over 4,900 square miles of ocean to commercial fishing doesn't just have the potential to put commercial fishermen out of business but also damage entire communities. The local retail and restaurant industry in many communities is entirely dependent on a robust fishing economy. Many of these small businesses will inevitably be damaged by this monument designation. It is time that we put American fishermen first and restore their access to the fisheries that they have been responsibly fishing for generations.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to your response.

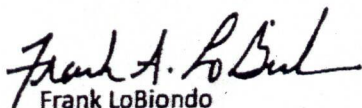
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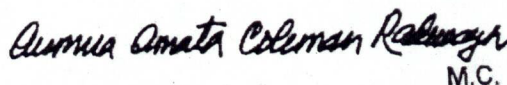
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Member of Congress



Andy Harris  
Member of Congress

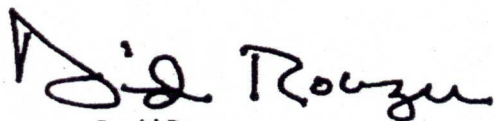


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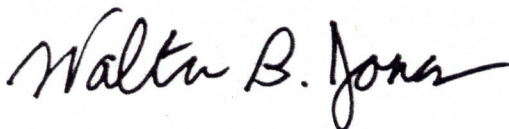
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**Fwd: Case ID#PR-007693 Rep. Tom MacArthur letter dated 6.13.17 with 6 additional signees**

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OS, DOIExecSec <doiexecsec@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Shane Wolfe <shane\_wolfe@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 8:28 AM

Hi Shane,

Have you seen this letter? It doesn't look like it went through the Salesforce system. Please let me know if you would like me to print and assign.

Thanks!  
Margaret

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To: U.S. Department of the Interior

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