



## Cape Cod and Islands Selectmen & Councilors Association

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Dear Commissioner Amidon, Commissioner Montgomery and Commissioner Suuberg:

The Cape and Islands Selectman and Councilors Association strongly opposed to the multi-purpose machine gun range proposed by the Massachusetts National Guard on the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve and respectfully urge you, in your role as the members of the Environmental Management Commission, to deny this project.

The Guard's self-assessment of this project was woefully inadequate and failed to provide the necessary depth of analysis required of a project of this nature. It glossed over likely impacts of regional significance that would occur if this project were built. The proposed machine gun range, with its unprecedented amount of land clearing and proposed uses that will threaten public water supplies, endanger significant habitats and rare species, and adversely impact regional carbon sequestration efforts, is sim-

ply not compatible with the intended purposes of the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve established by state law through Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2002.

Unfortunately, the Guard has completely ignored the overwhelming public opposition to this project. Rather than listening to and engaging with the community, the Guard is forcing the predetermined conclusions of their self-analysis on us. In doing so, they have failed to gain the public's trust as responsible stewards of the reserve.

The machine gun range is a project of convenience, not necessity. The environmental integrity of the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve, and the obligation under state statute to protect water resources and habitat found there and to only allow light military training activities that are compatible with those purposes, should not be sacrificed as a matter of convenience.

We call on the Environmental Management Commission to deny this project.

Sincerely,

Chairwoman Janet Reinhart, Wellfleet Select Board  
President, Cape Cod and Islands Selectmen and Councilors Association

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On June 11, 2021 at the Annual Meeting of the Cape Cod and Islands Selectmen and Councilors Association this letter was discussed and a motion was unanimously approved to have the President sign and send it on behalf of the Association.

Ed McManus, Clerk  
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