

Mr. BARNHILL. That is correct. They will be able to have their Hudson River Park. As you may know legislation has already been enacted. We now have the Hudson River Basin Compact Act. They are striving to beautify that area of the Hudson physically, on both sides of the river, and to achieve these kinds of high uses—recreation, fishing, and so forth.

Mr. CARPENTER. There is no sports fishing now in that area?

Mr. BARNHILL. Oh, I am assuming there is some.

Mr. MOORE. I have seen it. I would say there probably isn't any substantial degree of sports fishing, not in the sense in which you normally think of sports fishing. There may be some people putting lines in the water, but not sports fishing in the usual sense.

Mr. CARPENTER. And there is—

Mr. FELTON. You can do that on the Potomac.

Mr. MOORE. Yes, sir.

Mr. CARPENTER. There is no water skiing or pleasure boating.

Mr. MOORE. No.

Mr. BARNHILL. Well, there probably is some, but you see there is not as much as there would be if they are able to complete their objective of making this a beautiful, highly desirable place for people to come and enjoy the water and the parks and so forth.

Mr. CARPENTER. Certainly the esthetic enjoyment must be at a minimum now.

Mr. BARNHILL. I would guess that it certainly is.

Mr. MOORE. This will be one of the first objectives you would reach. The primary treatment at least could provide, or certainly it would be one of the first steps in the direction of making it more esthetically attractive. You have seen water that was not esthetically oppressive, but you wouldn't get out on it for pleasure purposes.

Mr. CARPENTER. Yes.

Mr. BARNHILL. In the metropolitan area of New York, I think it is very easy to recognize that the part of the Hudson that runs through the metropolitan area there—the land along the sides and the water itself have got to be invaluable. I don't think you could put a dollar figure on what it is worth to the people in that area, if they can go down there and water ski and swim and fish and do all the things.

Mr. CARPENTER. Do you think they would ever be able to swim?

Mr. BARNHILL. Well, I will go along with Dr. Weinberger. I have a great deal of confidence in research, and I think that before 2010 it will be entirely possible to swim in the Hudson River.

Mr. MOORE. Let me turn the answer around.

I think it would be unfortunate if we were at this time to preclude the possibility that you might be able to swim. It may take substantially more than we have done already to decide that you can't swim, and I would rather the decision not be made that you can't on the basis of the information we now have.

Mr. CARPENTER. On that subject, Dr. Weinberger, the Potomac has been mentioned for some years as a possible swimming beach. But other comments have been made that the storm runoff would keep the coliform content so high that a Public Health officer might hesitate in allowing people to swim there.

Do you have any more recent studies or experiences that you could relate to us on that?