

and is in that area where once an old channel existed up to Jones Point over to Royal Street and to the Federal property.

The balance of the property which in my presentation and many others said this area down here is worth saving—I just wish to make sure that I have made that clear to you, sir.

Colonel RHEA. Thank you, Mr. Holland.

Does anybody else have anything?

Mr. Penfold.

Mr. PENFOLD. A small point for clarification which I neglected to mention when I was up here before.

The colloquy between Congressman Reuss and Mr. Harris, the question was asked whether or not the Virginia division had reopened this case and his answer was "No."

Congressman Reuss then entered into the record this letter that he received from Commander Weldon who is president of the Virginia division of the league.

Mr. Harris' answer was not quite correct. What he was trying to say was that the action taken by the Virginia division was taken at an annual meeting of the division and the Virginia division did not take further action except to change its position, except at a subsequent annual meeting.

The thing was under reconsideration.

As a matter of fact, I was invited from the national office to look into it.

Thank you.

Colonel RHEA. Mr. Penfold, while you are there, you quoted quite a bit from Congressman Dingell on the estuary bill.

Are you aware that he originally filed a letter with the District Engineer opposing this application, but subsequently filed a letter withdrawing his objection?

Mr. PENFOLD. I understand he has not changed his position about estuaries.

Colonel RHEA. No; but he did specifically submit a letter withdrawing his objection to this application.

Does anybody else have anything to present?

If not, thank you very much. The hearing is now closed.

(Whereupon, at 6:40 o'clock p.m., the hearing was closed.)

(Subcommittee note: The following documents which were in the Corps of Engineers hearing transcript at this point have not been reprinted: 1. "List of Those Present"; and 2. "Exhibit 'A'," paper by Dr. Francis M. Uhler, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Oct. 26 and Nov. 19, 1963, which is included in this hearing record as No. 2, part I, of the appendix.)

EXHIBIT B

Comments regarding a proposal to issue a permit by the District Engineer, Department of the Army, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 1715, Baltimore, Md. 21203, to Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., 51 East 42d Street, New York, N.Y., to construct a bulkhead and to fill in an area (about 920 feet long) in the mouth of Hunting Creek at the southeast end of Alexandria, Va.

F. M. UHLER, FEBRUARY 21, 1968

Practically all the tidal marshes and their associated shallow-water feeding grounds for diving ducks and many other types of aquatic wildlife in the vicinity of our Nation's Capital have been eliminated by artificial land fills and dredging operations.

Before their destruction the writer had the pleasure of frequent visits to the extensive wildrice, rose mallow, arrow-arum, water hemp, and Walter's millet marshes along the Anacostia River, Four Mile Run, Oxon Creek and the estuaries between Alexandria and Mount Vernon, Va.

These shallow wetlands had been the home for numerous fascinating forms of aquatic life since earliest colonial days and have furnished recreation and relaxation for countless numbers of people since that time.

With final filling of the beautiful tidal marsh along the south side of Hunting Creek, between the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and U.S. Highway No. 1, the proposed bulkheading and filling of a tract more than 900 feet long in the Potomac River cove at the mouth of Hunting Creek appears to be an opening wedge for future real estate developments in the shallow, open waters along the tidal Potomac.