

BURNS CLINIC MEDICAL CENTER, P.C.,
DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY,
Petoskey, Mich., June 25, 1968.

Senator FRANK CHURCH,
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Land, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs
Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR CHURCH: This note is in support of S-3502, to establish the Huron Islands, Michigan Islands, Seney National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness areas. These noncontroversial additions to the National Wilderness Preservation system will, I hope, receive the approval of your subcommittee.

If possible, please include this note as part of the hearing record.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN H. TANTON, M.D.

LIFE INSURANCE AGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION,
Hartford, Conn.

DEAR SIR: Senate bill 3425 in its present form is both unsatisfactory and unrealistic. We have few enough land areas set aside for our growing population.

If Monomoy Island is to be designated a wilderness area, it should be with the proviso enabling boating, fishing, and camping. All this should be able to be accomplished within the spirit of the wilderness concept. Thank you.

DOUGLAS SPEED,
Feeding Hills, Mass.

WALTHAM, MASS., *June 22, 1968.*

DEAR SIR: I am writing this letter to ask you if you can do anything in regards to Monomoy Island to help us salt water fishermen to further enjoy our sport on their piece of shore line. If this island is made a wilderness area it will deprive us of one of the last good surf fishing areas left. Our fishing is mostly done at night-time and if a wilderness area is established it will prohibit our use.

The beach is roughly nine miles in length and it would be impossible to fish on foot and get off before dark. If this bill, S. 3425, is amended to allow boats and overnight camping we would be able to enjoy our sport and the area would have a usefulness that can never be surpassed.

Our available shore fishing access is rapidly being closed to us by private ownership and if our Government is against us we don't have a chance. I for one would appreciate all you could do to help amend this bill, S. 3425 so we can be able to use Monomoy for surf fishing purposes.

I want to thank you for anything you can do for this purpose and if you would ever want to try your hand at this sport let me know and I believe I could be of some small assistance.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD P. HARDING.

NAGS HEAD, N.C., *June 28, 1968.*

Senator B. EVERETT JORDAN,
*Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:*

Representing the North Carolina delegation association of surf anglers and organizations of 92 separate clubs from all sections of the United States as well as the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association I ask that you use your influence to deny the application of Wilderness Society to declare Monomoy Island "off limits" to overnight camping and boating as proposed in S. 3425. As a supporting member of Wilderness Society, I cannot approve this proposal and in addition cannot find justification in the Wilderness Act as to the validity of the request. Monomoy is an island that will never be traversed by roads but to those that know how to approach the accessible landing area and are willing to pack in their fishing and camping gear it continues to offer the greatest fishing recreational areas left in the over populated section of our country. My constituents join with me in asking that this legislation be defeated in the interests of public access to one of our remaining natural areas.

R. BOB PRESTON,
Regional Director, Association of Surf Angler Clubs.