

MORRISTOWN, N.J., June 17, 1968.

Senator CARL HAYDEN,
Senate House,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HAYDEN: For eighteen years in the Twenty's and Thirty's I had a ranch in Arizona, the first one with public lands and the second on the forest. As we talked in sections and not in acres I can understand the difficulty some of the western Senators have in thinking of three to five thousand acres as a wilderness, particularly when it is surrounded by a dense population. It is, however, precisely because the Great Swamp is surrounded by a heavy population that it is so essential to keep it in its native state. Left alone it will be a reservoir of fresh air, of clear water and a school for conservation for thousands of our neighboring children.

As a member of a Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs I hope you will do everything in your power to help us preserve this vital tract of land as a wilderness area.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS M. PETERS.

SHORT HILLS, N.J.,
July 2, 1968.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATORS: In your wisdom you have provided national protection to wilderness areas in many states.

The Great Swamp Wilderness Bill S. 3379, describes a unique area readily available to the New York Metropolitan District with its many institutions of learning. If once this area is impaired or destroyed by man he cannot replace it.

I ask that your membership actively support the early passage of S. 3379, in the interest of present and future generations.

Sincerely,

EUGENE A. DEMONET, Jr.

ATOM MANUFACTURING Co., INC.,
South Attleboro, Mass., June 21, 1968.

Senator WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR MAGNUSON: As manufacturers of saltwater striper fishing lures, we strongly oppose the restrictive legislation of bill 3425 which is currently being heard before your committee. Surf-fishing has been a way of life for the people of Cape Cod and all of Massachusetts for many years. As the Federal Government began to acquire land along the shore for wildlife management purposes, it was always understood that surf fishing would not be hampered.

Contrary to this, we have experienced, at Plum Island, severe restrictions which almost closed the island to surf fishing. A concerted effort by sportfishermen managed to gain some relief from these regulations. The present plans for Monomoy Island will be a hundred times more restrictive than the regulations imposed at Plum Island.

We only have a limited market for saltwater fishing tackle, and every productive rip should be open to surf fishing. Monomoy Island is one of the most productive striper and bluefish areas on the coast. We ask the committee's help in preventing the enacting of this legislation.

Sincerely,

NORMAN WHITTEN,
Chairman of the Board of Directors.

ABINGTON, MASS., June 24, 1968.

Senator WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: An article appeared today in the Quincy Ledger of Quincy, Mass., stating that Monomoy Island at Chatham, Mass. was to be made a Wilderness Area and stop all boats from fishing plus any camping on the island.