

Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter Resolution on Fort Hancock

WHEREAS, the New Jersey (NJ) Chapter of the Sierra Club has historically opposed privatization of the vital natural and public resource area of Fort Hancock at the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area; and,

WHEREAS, the NJ Chapter remains concerned about disregarding of climate science and biodiversity conservation science in the National Park Service's leasing process for Fort Hancock, and of thereby putting taxpayer funding and National Flood Insurance Program in the position of jeopardy to support viability of a 60-year leasing program; and,

AND, WHEREAS, the NJ Chapter is concerned that federal prohibitions against incidental take of species under the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act be used to safeguard the biodiversity and its climate adaptation at this World Key Biodiversity Area, globally Important Bird Area, Marine Protection Area, and Coastal Barrier Resource,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter requests that the matter of halting the leasing and construction process at Fort Hancock be referred to the national Sierra Club.

Approved August 12, 2023 by vote of the Chapter Executive Committee.

In favor 15 Opposed 1

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Isaac". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Isaac
Chapter Chair
August 12, 2023