

Dr. Mishara asked if someone might read the following into the record at the meeting on her behalf. She has a busy private practice and could not attend. She lives on shallow open water with a dredged canal along the shoreline that she snorkels about 3 days a week when the water is warm. She is also an avid diver and lobster hunter.

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I have lived in Bay Point since 2004. Our central sewers were completed in 2005; ten years ago. I was all for this because there were quite a few cesspits in Bay Point, so we expected a significant improvement in water quality.

That's what we were told. That's what we were sold.

We hoped the water quality would improve enough to make the tripled water bill, impact assessment, and expense of connection worthwhile.

For many years, my neighbor friends and I have snorkeled in our canals and snorkeled or dived in the Atlantic and back country near Baypoint. We thought it should make a difference.

Our treatment plant was positioned between a restaurant and a store and deli ( used to be a pizza shop). But all it did was to create noxious odors that kept eating out in open air out of question. It stinks all the way to my house at the end of the island, when a North wind blows (NW & NE as well)

Despite the treated effluent from our sewer plant going down shallow wells, the water quality has visibly deteriorated since the central sewers went in. I saw that over the years the ledges were covered by a ghostly slime that looked like a science fiction /horror film, and suffocated the sponges, and the lobsters abandoned the algae ridden nooks and crannies. There was no longer the variety of sealife where infant fishes came to hatch, and feed on seagrass; or soft spine creatures that attracted them. I wondered what this was doing to do to one of Florida's main sources of income, fishing, lobstering, crabbing. My fish market guy tells me "no body cares, right now we pay higher prices for what we get; so eat all you can, for there won't be none". How are these folks going to support their families, they are my neighbors!

I would like to suggest that you pump our effluent to Cudjoe or Big Coppitt and send it down a deep well in one of those locations, so we can clean up our side of Bay Point. I want the extra sales tax that we allowed to be put in to fund a good sewer system to improve the water quality at Bay Point. This money can be used wisely that way, instead of more mindless land development and tourist amenities. Remember they come because of what our ocean treasures offer, and to eat our good fish even if it is shipped to Canada.