

## Summary re: H.1898/H.2031, H.1899/H.2030, and H.2020 hearing at Statehouse 6/28/15.

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There were so many grass-roots organizations and individuals testifying at the Tuesday July 28, 2015 Joint Committee on Health and Safety hearing supporting Sarah's bills, esp. H2031 - EPZ to 50 miles - that it took 2 hours (at 3 mins. each, plus move-in, move-out time) to finish.

5 CapeDownwinders (Elaine D., Susan C., Bill M., Diane T. and I) testified verbally and in written testimony. A partial list of organizations: Pilgrim Watch, CapeDownwinders, MassPIRG, Jones River Watershed, Cape Cod BayWatch, Sierra Club (MA), Clean Water Action, No More Fukushimas, plus private citizen attorneys, engineers and others.

Entergy sent a "B", "C" or "D" team of 2 - that's right, 2 people (they sent four people at the last hearing I was at some months ago) - to show, it seemed very clear, their complete disdain for a lowly State House committee considering a bill proposed by an even more lowly State Representative. They must have been surprised to see dozens of people arrayed against them. Only one other person was opposed to H2031 supporting Entergy.

The politically correct male and female team were well-muzzled and only allowed to say that EPZ expansion is "unconstitutional" and "too expensive".

In a kind of last ditch effort to be taken seriously, one of the team threatened to sue the committee, or the state or the Governor, I couldn't hear exactly which or whom his \$47 Billion dollar corporation was going to attack first.

Beware. A 50-mile EPZ probably puts Pilgrim into the no-profit zone for Entergy, so flood your Reps with messages of support.

It was an excellent showing of what the committee members need: constituents who show up and who are well-prepared with a strong argument they can support.

This was the fifth CapeDownwinders lobbying trip to the Statehouse in the past several months, meeting with key Legislators and staff members on these bills. The next scheduled lobbying trip is set for September 3 at this time. We welcome all partners in this push to support Sarah and Dan in their critical initiatives to protect the health, safety and economy of hundreds of thousands of Cape, Islanders and visitors.

Marching forward, Doug