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**Clean Ocean Access & Patriot Stevedoring + Logistics Announce Agreement for Brayton Point, Somerset, Massachusetts / Mt. Hope Bay.**

Clean Ocean Access has partnered with Patriot Stevedoring + Logistics, LLC ("Patriot") to establish an agreement for Brayton Point Commerce Center's marine terminal. Clean Ocean's vision is for a healthy ocean that is free of marine debris, with water that is safe for all ocean activities, and a shoreline that is accessible to the public with a mission of "Action today so future generations can enjoy ocean activities." Clean Ocean Access is based in Middletown, RI and the organization has a primary focus on Aquidneck Island and also the greater Narragansett Bay region. Clean Ocean Access was formed in 2006 as a grass roots community-based environmental group and became a non-profit in 2014.

Patriot Stevedoring + Logistics, LLC is a Massachusetts based port operating and stevedoring company focused on port operations within Brayton Point Commerce Center. The long-term goal of Patriot is to continue to generate marine commerce opportunities for Brayton Point, with particular focus in securing offshore wind related tenants. Patriot represents a joint venture between Phoenix Bulk Carriers of Newport, Rhode Island and the Carver Maritime Companies, based in Coeymans, New York.

At Brayton Point, Patriot and Clean Ocean Access have together committed to installing a next generation marina trash skimmer which will directly benefit the Taunton River and Mt. Hope Bay areas of Narragansett Bay. The unit is expected to be operational by the Summer of 2021.

"Clean Ocean Access is very pleased to work with companies that are dedicated to improving the environment within the waterways of Narragansett Bay," said Executive Director, Dave McLaughlin. "We look forward to a continued cooperation in this part of the Bay, it benefits the residents along the Taunton River and Mt. Hope Bay shorelines, and it benefits the bay as a whole. The property owners at Brayton Point have already done a great service to the region through their dismantling and remediation of the former coal fired power plant. We look forward to partnering with Patriot to demonstrate how maritime businesses and environmental stewardship can constructively work together. A multitude of local actions, such as this one, we hope will ultimately serve as a role model for other coastal regions throughout the US and the rest of the world".



Neil McLaughlin, Managing Director of Patriot said, “we all live within the greater Narragansett Bay watershed region and we all benefit from a clean bay. It’s our responsibility to run a best in class port facility which both supports the regional community, through the creation of economic opportunities, while at the same time, ensuring we are good stewards of the coastal region surrounding Brayton Point and the bay as a whole. Our partnership with Clean Ocean Access is representative of exactly how we plan to run our business.”

