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To whom it may concern,

I have been lobstering commercially in Menemsha for the past 8 seasons. The lobster industry has become increasingly difficult in southern New England. The abundance of lobsters, shell disease, price of fuel and bait, cost of insurance has made it significantly less profitable. I have been experimenting with part time lobster charters in the past, but have now found different idea to supplement my business. Here is a brief example of what I am proposing.

Up to 6 passengers will board the boat, head out and haul some pots. After anchoring in a location in the lee of the wind, such as, north shore, Tarpaulin Cove, Cuttyhunk, etc... We will have a menu of mostly prepared foods with the exception of the lobsters, and some shellfish. Marina, from Chilmark BOH, has inspected the boat. I have completed and passed servsafe. We have full insurance for charter. Coast Guard compliant. We have been in touch with the Eric Hickey, State Supervisor for the Seafood Unit of Food Protection. Also the Mass Dept. of Marine Fisheries, MV Enviromental Police Officer, Sgt. Bass. This type of operation is being done elsewhere in the state, in Gloucester and on Cape Cod. We feel confident that this will bring positive development for Vineyard Wild Caught Seafood and the town of Chilmark.

I realize that parking can be challenging. We will strongly encourage all guest to either use the VTA, taxi service, or car pool. Please note, this is not a head boat charter business. This is a part-time six passenger experiment.

Thanks for your consideration,

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