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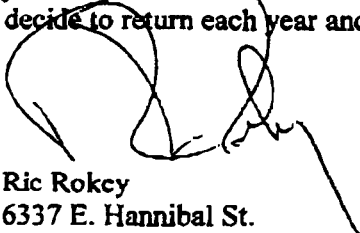
Ms. Curtis,

Just want to send along an "Atta-Boy" to the gentlemen who man your Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Facility in December and January.

For the past five years we (myself and four others) have been making the long drive-dragging our boat - from Phoenix, Az , to your city. We arrive in early December to chase Stripers for a week...then store the boat and truck... and fly home for Christmas. We then fly back to Virginia Beach in early January for another week of fishing before it's time to pack up for the drive back to Phoenix.

We come for the excellent Striper fishing. The friendly attitude and helpfulness accorded us by those guys (volunteers I understand) is a bonus to our trip. One gentleman, Jim, (mc culpa...I don't remember his last name) for the past two years has taken photos of us as we board the boat or set off for our fishing day for keepsakes. He then leaves the photos on our windshield. We certainly didn't ask for that service...and in fact the first year we didn't even know he was doing it...the pictures just appeared. That's just one example of how ALL of those guys act when we "Zonies" arrive at the ramp.

With the current economic conditions, it is no small expenditure for us to visit your city just to catch and release fish. It is, in part, the attitude of those guys which helps us decide to return each year and they should be commended. I am doing so with this letter.



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