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Dear Great Lakes Surfer,

This letter arrives in your mail at a time of the year when we are all busy planning for the Christmas and New Years holidays. I am typing this letter to the Great Lakes surfing community despite presently needing to get no less than twenty other things accomplished for my family. This letter must be written before it is too late. It is far too important and is a matter of time. A public meeting was held in Hamilton, Ontario last week by the Hamilton Port Authority. The meeting presented development plans for a project called, "The Fisherman's Development Plan." This plan calls for the entire elimination of all future surfing at the area we call, "The Bridge."

The proposal for a Hamilton, Ontario marina in Lake Ontario would wall in the surfing area with an extensive rock structure. **The entire "Bridge" surf break would be ruined.**

Bob Sobering from Ancaster, Ontario and myself attended the Hamilton Port Authority's Fisherman's Pier Development Plan public meeting on 16 December 2004 and heard all the suggested water front proposals. Again the Hamilton Port Authority wants the "Bridge" surfing area to be turned into a boat marina. That is what they favor most in their plan without a doubt. Bob and I voiced our opposition to the representatives of the Hamilton Port Authority that we had a chance to speak to. We spoke out against a marina being built at "The Bridge" because it destroys surf riding forever!

If we as surfers don't speak out now in our rightful opposition to destruction of this Great Lakes surf break than a boat marina will get built and which will mean that surfing dies at this location. The Hamilton Port Authority is counting on surfer apathy and for the public to be too busy during these holidays to bother to take the time necessary to voice their opposition.

This project has been named the Fisherman's Pier Development Plan to also fool the public. The marina in this proposal at "The Bridge" is an exclusive attempt to obliterate