

## COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO HISTORIC LOSS OF LAND IN BERMUDA

### Application Information

Application Number COIHLL201900\_

Date: May 20, 2020

**Name of Applicant:** Mr James Parris, Mr Roger Parris, & Mr Noel Parris

**Address:** 107 Harrington Sound Road, Smiths HS02

**Contact Numbers** 293-0664

**Contact Number 2:** 441- 335- 1848

**Email:**

**Willing to give oral evidence in public?**

**In camera?**

**List of Documents Provided (if any):** 3

**Copies Made:** yes no

### Synopsis:

Yearly, Mr. Parris, a fisherman has paid for moorings at the Devonshire Dock that is adjacent to a property named Salt Haven. Mr Parris pays \$181 a year, per mooring, totalling \$362 to the Ministry of Public Works for 2 moorings.

The owner of Salt Haven has claimed that the dock in question belongs to her and has prevented the use of the government owned dock to the general public, whilst also posting private dock signage. This action has prevented Mr. Parris and others from gaining access to their moorings. She has prevented access to his moorings by securing a boat to the dock, which remains attached to the dock continuously (24 hours per day). Mr Parris indicated that the moorings in question have not been accessed for many years. Moreover, the owner of the Salt Haven property has left no room for emergency access to the dock, as required by the police service many years ago.

Mr Parris indicated that there are several others who have not had access to their moorings as well. Mr Parris had reached out to the former owners of the property who confirmed the dock in question was not a part of the sale of the Salt Haven Property. Mr Parris states that the government placed a life saving ring on the dock many years ago, which would not have been the case if the dock were privately owned.

Mr Parris has asked that the commission look into the matter as it affects his moorings at the western end of the dock. Furthermore, he asserts that the actions of the owner of the Salt Haven property affects the dock by other fishermen and members of the community.

Signature of Applicant



Signature on behalf of Commission of inquiry

