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The Honorable John Graham
and the Public Works and Highways Committee
Legislative Office Building, Rm 201
33 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1456 relative to the Hampton marine memorial

Dear Chair Graham and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation ("Division") regarding HB 1456 relative to the Hampton marine memorial. **The Division supports this bill to honor the veterans by adding the names of those lost at sea to the Marine Memorial from recent military conflicts and the September 11, 2001 attack.**

We have conducted additional research since our submission of the fiscal note. The marine memorial has room to add up to 233 names. As of this writing, the estimated cost to add names to the memorial is \$9 per letter (or an average of \$180 per name at 20 characters), with a \$140 one-time set up fee. Using this information, approximately 50-55 names could be added for the cost of \$10K, as proposed in the fiscal note. As required by law, costs would be paid from existing departmental appropriations.

There is a two-year wait for new engraving work, but that time could be used to allow the appropriate veterans organizations to provide us with the names of veterans that need to be added to the marine memorial.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. Please let me know if I can answer questions or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Bryce, Director

Cc: Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources