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The Honorable Bob Odell, Chairman  
and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
NH Legislative Office Building, Room 102  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: SB 298 naming the lifeguard tower at Hampton Beach Seashell Facility for James W. Donahue, Jr.**

Dear Chairman Odell and Members of the Committee:

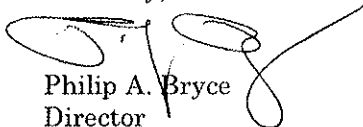
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 298 that would name the lifeguard tower at the Hampton Beach Seashell Facility for James w. Donahue, Jr.. The Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation appreciates the initiative of the sponsors to recognize Jim's 50 years of service and the agency fully supports doing so.

Knowing the local support to recognize Jim's service and given an opportunity with the completion of the new Seashell Facility last fall, we designed and ordered a plaque was to name the new lifeguard station after Jim. Project funds had been set aside and the vendor is just waiting for a good picture of Jim to finish the plaque. The plaque would be placed in the lifeguard station at a dedication ceremony for the station later this year in coordination with members of the local community.

The authority of the department to name the lifeguard station after Jim is under RSA 4:43 III. which states that: *The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development may name certain buildings within the state park system, subject to the approval of governor and council.*

If we proceed with legislation, we suggest that it be amended to name the lifeguard station after Jim rather than a tower and also allow for state funds to be used in this case since they have been set aside. Whether the recognition is done legislatively or through the agency and G&C ultimately does not matter and we stand ready to proceed either way.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Bryce  
Director

CC: George M. Bald, Commissioner