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COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

To: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair, and
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Denise Tepler, Senate Chair
Representative Allison Hepler, House Chair, and **AH** **AD**
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Date: January 24, 2025

Re: Supplemental Budget

The Marine Resources (MAR) Committee is pleased to submit the following report for the proposed 2024-2025 supplemental budget initiatives related to Marine Resources (see attached report-back document). The MAR Committee voted unanimously in favor of all initiatives.

c. Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the department's obligation of the total cost for FEMA Public Assistance 406 Mitigation related to storm damages from January 2024.

Ref. #: 210 One Time Committee Vote: 10 in favor, 3 absent AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$400,000	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This request covers the department's obligation (10%) of total project costs for FEMA Public Assistance 406 Mitigation to complete both restoration and climate resilient infrastructure improvements following damages to the West Boothbay Harbor laboratory's waterfront infrastructure and the Burnt Island Education Center (State Historic Site) grounds and buildings during the January 2024 storms. One of the laboratory's piers sustained direct storm uplifting damage, and an associated parking/staging area was overtopped, washing out base material compromising the surface. On Burnt Island, significant erosion occurred on the primary public access to the island, and two outbuildings and a boardwalk were damaged and moved off foundation bases. Finally, the island accumulated significant debris from the ocean and from storm damage to trees that need to be addressed for safety reasons. FEMA 406 Public Assistance covers 75% of the project costs, MEMA covers an additional 15%, to return the damaged property to "as was" condition and to mitigate for future hazards. The department will need to conduct architectural and engineering assessments of each project, and contract appropriate vendors to conduct the necessary repairs and modifications.

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Executive II position from range 34 to range 36.

Ref. #: 211 One Time Committee Vote: 10 in favor, 3 absent AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$13,371	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,371	\$0	\$0

Notes:

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This employee-initiated reclassification was approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on November 19, 2024, and is retroactive to August 14, 2024.

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist III position and 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II positions previously continued by Financial Order 003622 F5 through June 7, 2025 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the positions.

Ref. #: 217 One Time Committee Vote: 10 in favor, 3 absent AFA Vote _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$39,503	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$39,503)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Justification:

These positions perform scientific work for the Maine Coastal Mapping initiative within the Gulf of Maine Floating Offshore Wind Research Array initiative. Data will be used to evaluate potential impacts of wind energy areas on marine resources. These positions are being continued in the FY26-FY27 biennial budget.

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Microbiologist Supervisor position to a Senior Laboratory Scientist position, retroactive to January 17, 2023.

Ref. #: 223 One Time Committee Vote: 10 in favor, 3 absent AFA Vote _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$19,254	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,254</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Notes:

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This is an employee-initiated reclassification approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on March 20, 2024. The effective date for this reclassification is January 17, 2023. This initiative also funds the retroactive payment.

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Executive II position from range 34 to range 36, retroactive to September 18, 2023.

Ref. #: 224 One Time Committee Vote: 10 in favor, 3 absent AFA Vote _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$24,058	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$24,058	\$0	\$0
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Notes:

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This is an employee-initiated reclassification approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on April 5, 2024. The effective date for this reclassification is September 18, 2023. This initiative also funds the retroactive payment.

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Marine Resource Specialist II position to a Marine Resource Scientist I position, retroactive to January 3, 2023. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 225	One Time	Committee Vote: <u>10 in favor, 3 absent</u>	AFA Vote		
GENERAL FUND			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services			\$11,016	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			\$11,016	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 226	One Time	Committee Vote: <u>10 in favor, 3 absent</u>	AFA Vote		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services			\$2,417	\$0	\$0
All Other			\$104	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL			\$2,521	\$0	\$0

Notes:

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This is an employee-initiated reclassification approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on May 28, 2024. The effective date for this reclassification is January 3, 2023. This initiative also funds the retroactive payment.

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Marine Resource Specialist II position to Marine Resource Scientist I position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 227	One Time	Committee Vote: <u>10 in favor, 3 absent</u>	AFA Vote		
GENERAL FUND			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27

