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TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Cameron Reny, Senate Chair CR
Representative Allison Hepler, House Chair AH
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

DATE: March 16, 2023

RE: Follow up to previous memo on Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Proposed Budget (LD 258)

The Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources had the opportunity to continue their discussion on the Governor's proposed biennial budget on March 16. At the committee's discussion on March 9, Representative Hepler requested information from the Department of Marine Resources regarding position reclassifications that had been approved but not included in the biennial budget. The Department of Marine Resources provided the pertinent information to the committee. The position reclassifications are as follows:

HR Approved	From	To	Approved	FY2024	FY2025	Notes
Employee-Initiated	Marine Resource Scientist I	Marine Resource Scientist II	11/18/2022	$10,985.00	$14,438.00	25% GF, 25% Fed, 50% OSR
Management-Initiated	Marine Resource Scientist I	Marine Resource Scientist II	10/12/2022	$12,531.09	$4,625.00	Retro 100% Fed
Management-Initiated	Office Specialist II	Office Specialist II Supervisory	8/24/2022	$2,676.00	$2,784.00	100% GF

The committee held a vote on whether to recommend the inclusion of all three position reclassifications in the biennial budget. There were twelve members present for this vote; the committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending that all three positions are included in the Governor's proposed biennial budget.

In addition, Representative Lydia Crafts had been absent from the committee's March 9 meeting but later indicated that she would have joined the other committee members in voting all of the proposed initiatives **in** to the budget.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sen. Cameron Reny
Senate Chair

Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair