SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4132 Relating to marine reserves

To: Ways and Means Full Committee From: Natural Resources Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Anderson

HB 4132 establishes a marine reserves program within the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Department is directed to develop an adaptive management plan and social monitoring program in accordance with the October 2022 recommendations from the Ocean Policy Advisory Council.

The -A2 amendment includes \$894,324 General Fund for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement the measure and conduct new scientific, social, and marine policy research.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 4132 be amended by the –A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.