

Dear House Municipal Government and Housing Committee Members,

i am a resident of Tiverton, Rhode Island and I am writing in strong support of bill H 7060. I use the Seapowet salt marsh and adjoining Seapowet cove area yearlong as an avid fly fisherman and birder. This scenic area is an unspoiled ecosystem that supports populations of fish, shore and sea birds, and raptors and has provided my family with countless days of recreational enjoyment.

I've witnessed in my years here that the conditions inside the Seapowet Marsh Management Area, created in 1948 by the RI Department of Natural Resources, is sensitive and dynamic and is critically dependent on the conditions of the cove, its connection to the Sakonnet. Addition of the cove to the Marsh management area makes environmental sense. As the fertile entrance and efflux of the marsh, the cove itself is a seasonal gathering spot for migratory birds and fish. It is a valuable recreational resource for Tiverton residents and visitors.

Please protect one of Rhode Island's most valuable natural and recreational resources from commercial development by moving this bill to the House floor for vote.

Thank you,

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