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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands, Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) to budget and expend \$92,550 of prior year carry forward funds to support the cost of implementing an online data check tool, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2028. 100% Other Funds (Agency Income).

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2025 in the following account:

03-03-035-351000-21030000, Natural Heritage – Agency Inc.

Class-Account- RG	Class Description	FY25 Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised FY25 Adjusted Authorized
00S-000010	General Funds	\$187,601		\$187,601
001-484944-69	Transfers From Other Agency	\$55,477		\$55,477
004-408189-68	Intra Agency Transfers	\$301,234		\$301,234
009-401470-68	Agency Income	\$214,391	\$92,550	\$306,941
	Total Revenue	\$758,703	\$92,550	\$851,253
010-500100	Personal Services Perm Clas	\$293,078		\$293,078
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$12,001		\$12,001
026-500251	Organizational Dues	\$1,000		\$1,000
027-582703	Transfers To Doit	\$23,687		\$23,687
029-500290	Intra-Agency Transfers	\$32,098		\$32,098
039-500190	Telecommunications	\$1,900		\$1,900
040-500800	Indirect Costs	\$2,000		\$2,000
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$22,705		\$22,705
050-500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$24,091		\$24,091
059-500117	Temp Full Time	\$124,625		\$124,625
060-500601	Benefits	\$187,096		\$187,096
070-500702	In State Travel Reimburseme	\$3,614		\$3,614
080-500712	Out Of State Travel Reimb	\$5,500		\$5,500

103-502674	Contracts For Op Services	\$25,000	\$92,550	\$117,550
211-501530	Catastrophic Casualty Ins	\$308		\$308
	Total Expenses	\$758,703	\$92,550	\$851,253

EXPLANATION

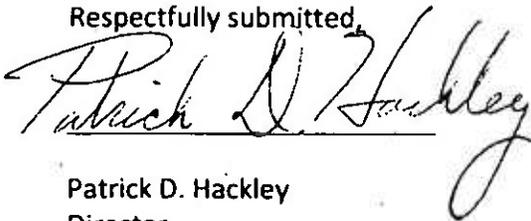
Pursuant to RSA 217-A, the Native Plant Protection Act and RSA 212-A, the Endangered Species Conservation Act the NHB and NH Fish and Game Nongame Program are statutorily required to identify, track and protect threatened and endangered species.

The request is to provide funding to the NHB for the development of a new DataCheck Tool, through DES and NHB that allows the public to screen for known locations of rare species and exemplary natural communities. DES receives outputs from this tool which helps identify potential project impacts regarding threatened and endangered species for projects requiring DES permits.

In New Hampshire, our federal-to-local government, non-governmental organizations, land conservation partners, and private industry partners rely on the DataCheck Tool for environmental review services. The NHB uses the resultant data to provide services and interface with community partners and clients to help protect threatened and endangered species.

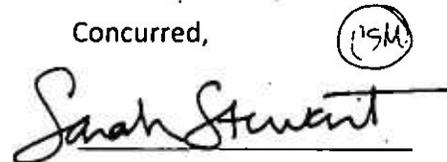
Class 103 – Contracts for Ops Services – New appropriations to fund the cost of contracting for database development and implementation services for a new environmental DataCheck Tool that will provide information on the identification and tracking of protected threatened and endangered species.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

Concurred,



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Commissioner