

From: DCR Finance

To: Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate; House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means

Cc: DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle; DCR Chief of Staff Kim Hanton

Date: 12/29/2025

Re: FY25 Legislative Report: Horseneck Beach Reservation Maintenance Trust Fund

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The Douglas State Trust Fund was established in M.G.L. Chapter 10, Section 35BBB. Pursuant to requirements in this legislation, DCR is providing an annual report on financial activities in this fund. Please see the below data for FY25 trust fund expenditures and income received for appropriation 2800-0649:

**A. *FY25 Expenditures and Income:***

| <u><i>FY25 Horseneck Beach Reservation Maintenance Trust (0135)</i></u> |                               |               |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| a   | FY25 Beginning Balance        | \$ 46,454.27  |
| b   | Income                        | \$ 57,016.00  |
|   | Net (a + b)                   | \$ 103,470.27 |
|   | Expenses                      | \$ 12,198.00  |
| c   | FY25 Ending Balance (Net - c) | \$ 91,272.27  |

**B. *FY25 Projects/Expenditure Detail:***

Town of Westport Fire and Police Departments at Horseneck Beach; Public Safety Services

**C. *Legislative Reference:***

Section 35XX. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund to be used, without further appropriation, for the long-term preservation, maintenance, nourishment and public safety of Horseneck Beach in the town of Westport. Any balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point during a fiscal year. An annual report to include projects undertaken, expenditures made and income received by the fund shall be submitted to the clerks of the house

of representatives and the senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than October 1 of each year.

(b) The department of conservation and recreation shall impose a surcharge of \$1 upon each fee charged and collected from admission to and parking in the Horseneck Beach Reservation. The additional monies collected from the surcharge shall be deposited into the Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund. Expenditures by the trust for public safety may be made available to the town of Westport's police, fire, ambulance and emergency personnel. On or before November 30 of each year, the department of conservation and recreation shall meet with the board of selectmen of the town of Westport to discuss the maintenance and safety plan for the beach for the next calendar year as well as the balance and expenditures from the Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund.