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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act supporting our natural resources..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1540) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to support our natural resources. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *1341* OF 2009-2010.]

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 62 of the General Laws shall be amended by adding after Section 6I the following new section:

"Section 6K: Every individual who files a separate return may voluntarily contribute one dollar to be paid over to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund, established by section 2c of chapter 131. In the case of a joint return of husband and wife, each spouse may voluntarily contribute one dollar to said fund. A credit in the full amount of any contribution under this section shall be allowed against the tax imposed by this chapter; provided, that for any such return no such credit shall exceed the income tax liability for any taxable year.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, subject to appropriation, one dollar shall be credited from the General Fund to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund for each dollar contributed by the public in the prior fiscal year under the provisions of this section. The commissioner of revenue shall certify to the state comptroller total revenues contributed to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund by individuals in the prior fiscal year.

A contribution made under this section may be made with respect to any taxable year at the time of filing the return of the tax imposed by this chapter for such taxable year; provided, however, that the commissioner shall prescribe the manner in which such contribution shall be made on the face of the return required by section 5 of chapter 62C."