

Clerk's Office

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To: Clerk's Office
Subject: Opposition to Bill #5166

Hello Portsmouth Town Council,

I am writing to show my disapproval of Bill #5166. Portsmouthians are lucky enough to live on an island. The town / state have done a great job providing public beaches, water access, boat ramps and more all over Portsmouth and Rhode Island. Maybe in a more land locked town, this bill makes more sense but on an island, it baffles me.

In addition, using MHW line as a boundary seems like a mistake to me. First, surely you are aware of climate change and rising sea levels, will the MHW line inch higher and higher every year? According to experts, yes. Also, with our 6foot+ tides, this can leave alot of dry land exposed at low tide. The bill even mentions this,

"For instance, two (2) years of near weekly surveyed beach transects in the town of Charlestown revealed that the position of the MHW line migrated back and forth across a one hundred twenty five foot (125') swath of the beach profile."

Water access is an important part of RI's past, present and future but using MHW line seems like a mistake to me.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.