

HOUSE No. 3785

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher Richard Flanagan

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to formalizing the category of endangered species.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>1/19/2023</i> |

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By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3785) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to establishing a habitat conservation plan for a piping plover municipal technical assistance and monitoring program. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to formalizing the category of endangered species.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 131A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Director” the following
3 definition:-

4 “Division”, the division of fisheries and wildlife.

5 SECTION 2. Said chapter 131A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding
6 the following section:-

7 Section 8. There shall be within the division a Habitat Conservation Plan for Piping
8 Plover municipal technical assistance and monitoring program. Subject to appropriation, the
9 program shall be administered by the division to provide technical assistance and monitors to
10 municipalities to conduct compliance monitoring and to ensure ongoing recreational activities
11 pursuant to the division’s Habitat Conservation Plan for Piping Plover. The director, or the

- 12 director's designee, shall respond to all requests for assistance or monitors made under the
- 13 provisions of the program within 15 days of the receipt of such requests.