

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
100 NASHUA STREET, BOSTON, December 29, 1954.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS ON ITS INVESTIGATION REL-  
ATIVE TO THE PROPOSED PIER EXTENSION  
AT THE STATE FISH PIER IN THE CITY OF  
GLOUCESTER.

*To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives of the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts.*

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1954, the Department of Public Works submits its report on its investigation relative to the proposed pier extension at the State Fish Pier in the city of Gloucester.

Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1954 provides as follows:—

*Resolved*, That the department of public works is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study relative to a proposed pier extension at the state fish pier in the city of Gloucester. For said purposes, said department may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said department shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations, if any, into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or before the last Wednesday of December in the current year.

No appropriation was made for this investigation. In the absence of a specific appropriation an opinion of the Attorney General was requested to ascertain if funds made available to the Department by the 1954 capital outlay act (chapter 471, item 8255-76) could be used to carry out the purposes of Resolves of 1954, chapter 57. The opinion of the Attorney General was in the negative.

The proposed pier extension would be located westerly of what was formerly known as Five Pound Island, and from information available as a result of the construction of the original or existing pier, it is very possible that ledge exists in the area of the proposed pier extension. In view of that fact an investigation of the area will have to be made to consist of a survey of the location, soundings and borings to determine the type of material which will be encountered, and to determine if the project is feasible or practical. It is estimated that the cost of this investigation would be approximately five thousand dollars.

The original pier construction was done under special legislation (chapter 312 of Acts of 1931, as amended) and was paid for from bond issue funds, together with a federal grant.

Any improvements or special work done since the pier has been in existence have been done from special funds appropriated by the General Court.

Attached herewith is a draft of legislation necessary to carry out the recommendations of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

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*Commissioner.*

FRED B. DOLE,

LEWIS J. FRITZ,

*Associate Commissioners.*

RODOLPHE C. BESSETTE,

*Director, Division of Waterways.*

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY FOR A PROPOSED PIER EXTENSION AT THE STATE FISH PIER IN THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER.

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

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2 and directed to make an investigation and study to  
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4 pier in the city of Gloucester. For said purposes, said  
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# The Administration of Government

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