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OF Tim Parker

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Representative Tim Parker
 P.O. Box 20908
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April 21, 2000

Dear Rep. Parker:

First let me thank you for showing an interest in the Underwater Resources Act. I appreciate anything you can do for the divers and hobbyists that will be affected by this act. I hope you can introduce a new bill to get rid of this bad one.

Following are some of my suggestions.

- Cover shipwrecks only as cultural resources. Do not cover everything in the water.
- Make the intent of the whole bill to gather historical information, rather than restrict hobbyists. This will allow people to share information with the state, not be required to keep their mouths shut like the current bill will do.
- Do not limit the use of metal detectors or prospecting equipment by hobbyists or collectors.
- Remove the ability of the Historical Commission to write regulations or issue permits at its discretion.
- Involve affected parties in all regulations (i.e. dive stores, divers, collectors, clubs, gold prospectors, hobbyists who use metal detectors, manufacturers and distributors of equipment and supplies, etc.) and give notice of any proposed rules.
- No permits should be necessary for hobbyists, recreational SCUBA divers, recreational gold prospectors, etc. to find or recover whatever is abandoned or lost underwater.

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