

2. The sum of \$150,000 is requested for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 in total to be appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for:

A. Underwater Preserves..... \$50,000

All underwater historic sites in the Vermont waters of Lake Champlain belong in public trust and under the authority of the Division for Historic Preservation. It is the Division's responsibility to protect, manage, and interpret this public heritage and keep it safe for the diving and boating public. The Capital appropriation provides funds for ten underwater preserves, marked by mooring buoys and underwater signs, emergency response equipment for the boat provided by the Vermont State Police for Underwater Preserve monitoring, for the identification of additional sites that could be opened to the public as Preserves, conservation of recovered artifacts, and above water interpretive displays.