

**PUBLIC SAFETY GOVERNMENT PIER / BOAT DOCK
HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Town of Hampton, the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety, and the United States Coast Guard have collaboratively discussed, endorsed, and received funding for the construction of a secure public safety marine docking facility adjacent to the Hampton River, on a town-owned parcel of land. The Town of Hampton has acquired federal funding for this project through Senator Judd Gregg, which will be administered through NOAA. The dock will be owned and maintained by the Town of Hampton.

The facility will be a multiple governmental agency use dock with the ability to accommodate marine vessels owned by the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire Marine Patrol, New Hampshire Fish and Game, and the United States Coast Guard and/or other federal agencies. The general public will not have access to the pier/dock, as it will be designed as a secure area for official government use only. All employees of the regulatory agencies that will access and use the facility are strictly able-bodied law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel.

The extent of the project is a secured government marine structure that will allow federal, state, and local authorities to coordinate marine operations under the National Incident Management System model (NIMS). This model provides for a consistent regional approach for governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. From a federal focus that is striving to improve Homeland Security through the integration of all resources, this project is of the highest priority and exemplifies the purpose of the NIMS. It is the consent of government officials at the federal, state, and municipal levels that this project is logical, timely, and to the best interests of public safety in New Hampshire.

The Town of Hampton, which incorporates Hampton Beach, is a popular tourist destination where approximately 100,000 to 200,000 people visit each week during the summer months. This swell of people and activities presents several challenges including marine rescue, law enforcement patrols, and security zone implementation in the event of natural and/or man-made disasters. Hampton is also a prime target for domestic terrorism activities with its high summer population and its close proximity to the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.