

# LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## NH Lakes Management and Protection Program

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
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February 17, 2011

The Honorable Bob Odell, Chairman  
Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 102  
Concord, NH 03301

### **RE: SB 154-FN - An Act reforming the comprehensive shoreland protection act**

Dear Chairman Odell and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its opposition to Senate Bill 154, as introduced, relative to reforming the shoreland protection act.

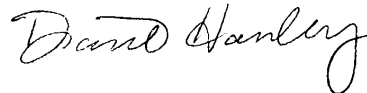
The intent of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) is to protect water quality by guiding the growth and development of our surface water shorelines. Waterbodies are affected by the different land uses within the entire lake watershed but that area of land immediately adjacent to the lake can and does impact water quality most directly. Our lakes, ponds, rivers and streams are significant economic, recreational, cultural and natural resource assets and the preservation of water quality is imperative to the well-being of our waterbodies.

We understand that an amendment to SB 154 will be introduced today. We assume that the amendment will result in a better CSPA and would like to support it but since we have not reviewed it, we cannot comment directly on its content. We do support and would like to recommend that the amended bill be sent to a subcommittee which would allow the appropriate parties the opportunity to review and discuss it and determine if it will address the concerns that the constituent groups have expressed regarding the CSPA. We would also like to thank those that worked to develop the proposed amendment presented today.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on the administration of RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Act. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members from academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, and municipal government. Among its other responsibilities, the LMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the LMPP and with advising the DES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions regarding our testimony please do not hesitate to contact Jacquie Colburn, Lakes Coordinator at (603) 271-2959.

Sincerely,



Diane Hanley, Chair  
Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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