

NH Lakes Management and Protection Program

NH Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Shannon Chandley, Chair
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 266 relative to membership on the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee

Dear Chairperson Chandley and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its unanimous support for Senate Bill 266, which adds six members to the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee. Despite significant efforts to date by the State and many local groups, exotic species continue to expand and threaten the ecosystems and the economic viability of our lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. Adding the three state agencies most directly involved with the management of exotic species along with the New Hampshire Rivers Council, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, and the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association to the committee will provide the state with the opportunity to develop and implement more comprehensive and effective mechanisms to control these undesirable plant and animal species.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with 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 representing academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, municipal government as well as several state agencies. Among its other responsibilities, the LMAC reviews legislation relevant to the state's lakes and ponds and the Lakes Program, and advises 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 Jacque Colburn, Coordinator, Rivers and Lakes Programs at (603) 271-2959.

Sincerely,



David Packard, Chair

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

CC: Sponsors of SB 266 (via electronic email)
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