



NH Lakes Management and Protection Program
NH Lakes Management Advisory Committee



Standing Legislative Positions
for the
Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Adopted: ??

Introduction

Within its Policy and Procedure document for the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) Policy and Legislation Subcommittee (P&L Subcommittee), the LMAC has determined that it will maintain a list of commonly occurring legislative bill topics important to the purpose and intent of the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The LMAC will maintain standing positions in conjunction with these bill topics that can be used to submit testimony on legislation that is proposed between regular LMAC meetings. Topics and positions may be added, deleted, or changed at the will of the LMAC.

The enabling policy statement in the LMAC's Policy and Legislation Subcommittee Policy and Procedure document is as follows:

The P&L Subcommittee will create a list of standing positions on legislation that is proposed on a regular basis, allowing the LMAC to respond quickly with a letter of testimony to certain predefined situations. This list of standing positions will be approved by a **quorum** vote of the ~~full~~ LMAC, and will be reviewed and reapproved annually. The LMAC Chair, LMAC Vice Chair, and the Chair of the P&L Subcommittee will jointly determine whether bill language fulfills the intent outlined in the list of standing positions.

Standing Positions

Support:

- Legislation directly related to a subject the LMAC has already voted to support.
- Bills which will increase funds to the Lakes and Rivers Management and Protection Programs.
- Making appropriations to NHDES for the purposes of funding eligible drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program.
- Programs which support or fund the prevention or management of freshwater aquatic invasive species.
- Funding for the state revolving fund and its infrastructure improvement projects.
- Funding for the Land & Community Heritage Invest Program (LCHIP).
- Funding for land conservation efforts that impact on watershed and water quality protection.
- Programs or funding to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff.

Oppose

- Reductions, restrictions, or elimination of the State of New Hampshire's ability to receive and expend US EPA Section 319 and 604(b) funds.
- Sunsetting or abolishing the LMAC.
- Sunsetting or abolishing the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.
- Reductions in state oversight of installation of new or extended docks on lakes.
- Reductions in protections in RSA 483-A.
- Reallocation of dedicated funds earmarked for conservation purposes for the general fund.

To be adopted by the New Hampshire Lakes Management Advisory Committee on