

**RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 24, 2011**  
**12:00 – 3: 00 pm**  
**NH Fish & Game Department – Concord, NH**

**Members Present**

Ken Kimball, Chair  
Michele L. Tremblay, Vice Chair  
Gary Kerr  
Anne Krantz  
John Magee  
Kathryn Nelson  
Allan Palmer  
Jim Ryan  
Larry Spencer  
Jennifer Czysz  
Kevin Nyhan  
Donald Ware

**Representing**

Recreational Interests  
Conservation Interests  
Granite State Hydropower  
Historical & Archaeological Interests  
NH Fish & Game Department  
Local River Management Advisory Comm.  
Business and Industry Association  
NH Fish & Game  
NH Association of Conservation Comm.  
NH Office of Energy and Planning  
NH Dept. of Transportation  
Public Water Suppliers

**Term**

Dec. 28, 2011 V  
Dec. 28, 2011 V  
Jan. 5, 2012 V  
June 15, 2013 V  
Indefinite NV  
Sept. 5, 2013 V  
Sept. 28, 2013 V  
Sept. 28, 2013 V  
Oct. 12, 2010 V  
Indefinite NV  
Indefinite NV  
Sept. 28, 2013 V

**Members Absent**

Vacant  
Frederick McNeill  
Gail McWilliam Jellie  
Johanna Lyons  
Lance Harbor

Agricultural Community  
Municipal Government  
NH Department of Agriculture  
Dept. Resources & Economic Development  
NH Dept. of Safety

Mar. 22, 2009 V  
Nov. 16, 2011 V  
Indefinite NV  
Indefinite NV  
Indefinite NV

**DES Staff Present**

Steve Couture  
Jenn Rowden  
Wayne Ives  
Paul Currier

NHDES Rivers Coordinator  
NHDES Rivers and Lakes Programs  
NHDES Instream Flow Specialist  
NHDES Watershed Management Bureau Administrator

**Guests Present**

Doug Bechtel, The Nature Conservancy  
Rep. Judith Spang, N.H. House of Representatives, Resources, Recreation and Development Committee

**The Meeting Was Called to Order**

Ken Kimball, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

**I. Introductions/Minutes/Committee Business**

**1) September 26, 2010 RMAC Meeting Minutes**

- *Allan Palmer made a motion to accept the September 26, 2010 RMAC meeting minutes, second by Anne Krantz. Motion passed unanimously.*

**2) RMAC Membership Update**

Anne Krantz was reappointed. Allan Palmer, Larry Spencer and Kathryn Nelson have paperwork at the Governor's office awaiting processing.

**II. Legislation/Rulemaking/Other**

1) **Legislation and Policy Subcommittee** – Michele Tremblay, Vice Chair, RMAC and Chair of Policy and Legislation Subcommittee

Bills voted on below:

HB 63 – extending the instream flow pilot program for one year

- ***Motion made by Anne Krantz to support with concern that the ISF program needs to be wrapped up, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.***

HB 27 – relative to de minimis impact work to restore certain geomorphic characteristics

- ***Motion made by Gary Kerr to support, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously. A Letter of Testimony will be written.***

HB/LSR 0054 – authorizing the establishment of milfoil remediation shoreland assessment districts by municipalities, and authorizing village district for the purpose of eradication, remediation, or control of milfoil and other exotic aquatic plants.

- ***Motion made by Gary Kerr to support, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously with Anne Krantz abstaining.***

HB 468 – relative to assessments for aquatic resource compensatory mitigation.

- ***Motion made by Michele Tremblay to oppose-conditional, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.***

HB 470 – repealing the comprehensive shoreland protection act.

- ***Motion made by Jim Ryan to oppose, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.***

HB 116 - relative to the rulemaking requirement for establishing operating restrictions on certain bodies of water.

- ***Motion made by Kathryn Nelson to oppose, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.***

HB/LSR 0591 – relative to the authority of state agencies to increase fees and program costs.

- ***Motion made by Jim to oppose, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.***

HB 205 – relative to notice to owners of upstream dams.

- ***Motion made by Michele Tremblay to oppose and recommend study, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.***

SB 25 – relative to the Connecticut River Valley resource commission.

- ***Motion made by Kathryn Nelson to support, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.***

SSB/LSR 0214 – relative to requiring submission of a reduced spending alternative as part of the biennial budget process.

- ***Motion made by Kathryn Nelson to oppose, second by Michele Tremblay. Motion passed unanimously.***

SB 38 – relative to extensions for wetland and shoreland permits.

- ***Motion made by Allan Palmer to support, second by Michele Tremblay. Motion passed unanimously.***

SB 19 – relative to the definition of “prime wetlands”.

- **Motion made by Larry Spencer to oppose, second by Anne Krantz. Motion passed unanimously.**

SB 20 – relative to shoreland protection permits.

- **Motion made by Michele Tremblay to oppose, second by Jim. Motion passed with Allan Palmer and Gary Kerr opposing the RMAC recommendation.**

SB 21 – relative to the definition of “wetlands”.

- **Motion made by Jim to oppose but understand the concern and general intent of the bill about the need to be able to maintain areas such as swales and detention basins without obtaining a wetlands permit, second by Ann Krantz. Motion passed unanimously.**

SB 32 – relative to water withdrawals for snow making.

- **Motion made by Michele Tremblay to oppose as written, second by Anne Krantz. Motion passed unanimously.**

SB 59 – relative to fees for terrain alteration permits.

- **Motion made by Michele Tremblay to oppose, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2) ISF Rule Readoption – Steve Couture, DES**

Env – Wq 1900 –

- **Motion made by Larry Spencer to adopt, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**3) DOT 11-01 Grantham – Jenn Rowden, DES**

- **Motion made by Michele Tremblay to approve with the recommendation to add the need to maintain 50 foot buffer to the easement, second by Gary Kerr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Instream Flow Pilot Program Update – Wayne Ives, DES**

Presentation provided by Paul Currier, NHDES.

[http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rmac/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/20110124\\_RMAC.ISFupdate.pdf](http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rmac/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/20110124_RMAC.ISFupdate.pdf)

**IV. Sustainability Initiative Update – Jenn Rowden**

*To be discussed at next meeting.*

**V. Rivers management and Protection Program Assessment – Steve Couture**

*To be discussed at next meeting.*

**VI. Other Business/Action Item Review:**

**VII. Next Meeting(s)/adjourn:**

The next meeting will be March 18, 12:30 – 3:30 at DES.