

N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

February 1, 2011

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

RE: HB 202- FN: An Act relative to road salt applicators.

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its unanimous support for House Bill 202-FN, which seeks to require certification for commercial road salt applicators and limits the liability of landowners who employ winter maintenance best management practices.

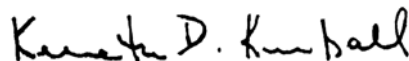
The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on the administration of RSA 483, the RMPP. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from the business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests. Among its other responsibilities, the RMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the RMPP and with advising the DES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

The RMAC's support is based on the understanding that an amendment will be introduced to allow for voluntary certification of salt applicators and only those who opt to voluntarily achieve certification will be availed of limited liability for winter maintenance activities. The RMAC believes this voluntary approach with incentives will address the critical water quality pollution concern of road salt.

In conclusion, the RMAC unanimously supports HB 202-FN, which would require certification for commercial road salt applicators and limits the liability of landowners who employ winter maintenance best management practices.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 466-8149 or kkimball@outdoors.org.

Sincerely,



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