

# N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

February 1, 2011

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The Honorable Bob Odell, Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee  
State House, Room 302  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: SB 59-FN: AN ACT relative to fees for terrain alteration permits.**

Dear Chair Odell and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its opposition for Senate Bill 59-FN, which seeks to reduce fees for terrain alteration permits.

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.

Existing law (RSA 485-A:17, II-b) requires DES to evaluate permit applications and if the application is complete to issue decisions within 50 days of receipt. The fee reduction resulting from SB 59-FN would result in inadequate funding to support sufficient staffing levels to enable DES to satisfy this requirement, and would likely cause delays in planned economic development, community betterment, and infrastructure construction projects across the state.

In conclusion, the RMAC unanimously opposes SB 59-FN, which seeks which seeks to reduce fees for terrain alteration permits.

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

Sincerely,



Kenneth D. Kimball, Ph.D., Chairman  
Rivers Management Advisory Committee

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