

# N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

February 3, 2011

The Honorable Sharon Carson, Chair  
Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
State House, Room 302  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: SB 25 An ACT relative to the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission.**

Dear Chair Carson and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its unanimous support for Senate Bill 25, which seeks to administratively attach the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission (CRVRC) to the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES).

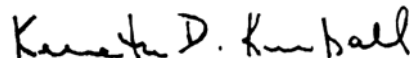
The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the DES on the administration of RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP). The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from the business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water 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 Connecticut River is one of sixteen rivers designated under RSA 483, the RMAC and RMPP have worked extensively with CRVRC over many years on numerous projects, including the development of the local river corridor management plan for the Connecticut River Valley. This plan was completed in accordance with criteria established in the RMPP which is administered by DES. SB25 will enhance the existing relationship between DES and the CRVRC on river management issues in the Connecticut River Valley by further formalizing this relationship. The CRVRC is currently administratively attached to the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) which also agrees that this change makes sense.

In conclusion, the RMAC unanimously supports SB 25, which seeks to administratively attach the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission to the Department of Environmental Services.

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

Sincerely,



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