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Wayne Ives

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RE: Instream Flow Program Designated River Prioritization

Dear Mr. Ives:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its support for the Instream Flow Program's river prioritization ranking scheme as presented by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) staff at the October 4, 2018 RMAC meeting. The RMAC appreciated your presentation and the opportunity to discuss the process and rationale for the river prioritization and next steps, including the water management plan development process.

The RMAC voted unanimously to endorse the ranking process presented by NHDES staff and to support the priority list of up to five designated rivers to develop instream flow protection criteria and adopt water management plans.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the NHDES to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from 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 and rules relevant to the Program and with advising the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the RMAC supports the Instream Flow Program's river prioritization scheme. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Tremblay

Chair

cc: Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES
Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Programs Manager, NHDES
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