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January 12, 2022

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

RE: HB 1066 *An act establishing a commission to investigate and analyze the environmental, human, and animal health impact relating to cyanobacteria blooms in New Hampshire water bodies.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support with amendment of House Bill 1066**, which would establish a committee to compile information about and suggest a statewide response strategy to cyanobacteria blooms in New Hampshire rivers and lakes. The RMAC suggests **amending the bill to include** a member of the New Hampshire Rivers Council on the commission.

The RMAC supports this bill with the specified amendment because

- Cyanobacteria blooms are increasing in severity, frequency, and duration;
- Blooms negatively affect river and lake ecosystems and the public's enjoyment of them;
- A statewide strategy would increase the effectiveness of public and private responses to blooms; and
- The commission reflects a stakeholder-driven process of benefit to all parties.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is composed of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

In conclusion, the RMAC supports HB 1066 with amendment to include representation on the commission from the New Hampshire Rivers Council. Should you have any questions regarding our testimony, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



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