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N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program

# N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avard, Chair  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 99** *An act relative to seasonal platforms on public waters of the state.*

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its support of House Bill 99, which provides rules on the placement of anchored platforms and moored floats in public waters of the state.

The RMAC believes that it is important that the seasonal platforms and large inflatable novelty floats that are being moored to our river and lake bottoms are placed where they will not become a navigation or safety hazard. We agree that governing these platforms in a manner similar to moored boats, with Marine Patrol oversight, is an appropriate method to ensure that these popular floats are safe and do not negatively impact other users' reasonable enjoyment of the river or lake.

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 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 relevant to the Program and with advising the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the RMAC supports HB 99 to provide rules on the placement of seasonal platforms in New Hampshire's public waters.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or [MLT@naturesource.net](mailto:MLT@naturesource.net).

Sincerely,



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RMAC Chair

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