



NH Rivers Management and Protection Program
NH Rivers Management Advisory Committee



Standing Legislative Positions
for the
Rivers Management Advisory Committee

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Introduction

Within its Policy and Procedure document for the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Policy and Legislation Subcommittee, the RMAC has determined that it will maintain a list of commonly occurring legislative bill topics important to the purpose and intent of the Rivers Management and Protection Act. The RMAC will maintain standing positions in conjunction with these bill topics that can be used to submit testimony on legislation that is proposed between regular RMAC meetings.

The enabling policy statement in the RMAC's Policy and Legislation Subcommittee Policy and Procedure document is as follows:

The Policy and Legislation Subcommittee will create a list of standing positions on legislation that is proposed on a regular basis, allowing the RMAC to respond quickly with a letter of testimony to certain predefined situations. This list of standing positions will be approved by a vote of the full RMAC, and will be reviewed and reapproved annually. The RMAC Chair and the Chair of the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee will jointly determine whether bill language fulfills the intent outlined in the list of standing positions.

Standing Positions

Support:

- Legislation directly related to a subject the RMAC has already voted to support, such as river nominations, updates to RSA 483, or rule updates to Env-Wq 1800 or Env-Wq 1900.
- Bills which will increase funds to the Rivers and Lakes Management and Protection Programs.
- Making appropriations to NHDES for the purposes of funding eligible drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program.
- Programs which will support or fund the prevention or management of freshwater aquatic invasive species.
- Funding for the state revolving fund and its projects.
- Funding for the Land & Community Heritage Invest Program (LCHIP).
- Funding for land conservation efforts.
- Programs or funding to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff.

Oppose

- Reductions, restrictions, or elimination of the State of New Hampshire's ability to receive and expend US EPA Section 319 and 604b funds.

- Sunsetting or abolishing the RMAC.
- Sunsetting or abolishing the Local River Management Advisory Committees.
- Reductions in protections in RSA 483.
- Reallocation of dedicated funds earmarked for conservation purposes for the general fund.

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