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N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program

# N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

May 11, 2021

The Honorable Thomas Walsh, Chair  
House Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 203  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: SB 131** *An act adopting omnibus legislation relative to vehicles, municipal water maintenance certificates, nondriver's picture identification, and firefighter and emergency medical services decals.*

Dear Chair Walsh and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its support of Senate Bill 131, part III, which allows municipalities to certify their winter maintenance programs under New Hampshire's Green SnoPro program.

The RMAC believes that providing municipalities with the option to participate in winter road maintenance programs in the state's *voluntary* salt applicator certification program, the Green SnoPro Program, will reduce chloride pollution in New Hampshire's rivers. High levels of chloride are well documented in many of our surface waters, and it is important that municipal salt applicators, as well as commercial ones, who participate voluntarily in the program, use road salt as efficiently as possible to minimize salt runoff to rivers while also ensuring the public's safety on roads and sidewalks.

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 SB 131 as it will reduce chloride pollution in New Hampshire's rivers.

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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