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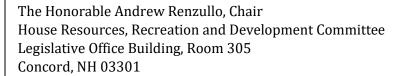
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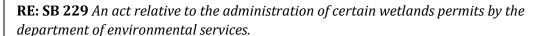
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NH Rivers Management Advisory Committee

NH Rivers Management and Protection Program

April 12, 2023





Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its support of **Senate Bill 229**, which makes various technical changes to wetlands permits.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- It clarifies areas of statutory ambiguity, thereby setting clearer expectations for permit applicants and reviewers;
- It alters the fee structure for alteration of terrain permit amendment requests to reflect the scope of the amendment, rather than the scope of the entire original project; and
- It simplifies the permit application process for parcels that cross municipal boundaries by requiring permit applications to be filed with municipalities where work will occur, as opposed to any municipality in which a part of the parcel occurs.

Collectively, these changes provide clarity and make it easier to apply for permits without changing the expected impact to wetlands and natural resources or burdening permit reviewers.

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.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony in support of SB 229, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

RMAC Representatives

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES

