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# NH Rivers Management Advisory Committee

NH Rivers Management and Protection Program



January 31, 2024

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

**RE: HB 1208** *An act relative to permitting requirements before timber harvesting operations in a wetland.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 1208**, which would require persons or entities harvesting timber in wetlands maintain records of the project's permitting.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- The proposal does not change existing requirements for what types of projects must obtain a permit;
- It may increase forestry wetland permit compliance;
- Wetlands are ecologically sensitive areas; and
- Improperly conducting work in wetlands can affect water quality, flood potential, and other variables on downstream lands, including properties that may be under different ownership than the parcel where forestry work is conducted.

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 HB 1208, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or [MLT@naturesource.net](mailto:MLT@naturesource.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele L. Tremblay".

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Representatives Dutzy, Vail, Baldwin, Almy, L. Gould, and Bordes  
RMAC Representatives  
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES