



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

January 20, 2010

The Honorable Judith Spang, Chairman
Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: HB 1478, establishing a permitting process for dock designers.

Dear Chairman Spang:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1478 that would allow the Department of Environmental Services ("the Department") to establish a process for the permitting of dock designers. The Department supports this bill.

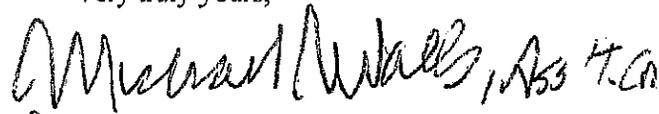
The Department spends an inordinate amount of time dealing with incomplete or inaccurate applications for docking structures, especially when one considers the relatively small environmental impact associated with these structures.

Simplifying and revising the rules that regulate dock size, location, and configuration and establishing a permitting process for dock designers will result in more complete, consistent, and accurate applications being submitted to the Department. This would allow the Department's technical staff to focus limited resources on the more environmentally sensitive projects thus more fully protecting New Hampshire's valuable aquatic resources.

The Department believes that the proposed section 482-A:3-b is not necessary as there already exists a non-lapsing and continually appropriating fund established under 482-A:3 III.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this bill. Please feel free to call me at 271-2958, or Collis Adams at 271-4054, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,


for Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Representative Hubbard
Representative Gottling
Representative Kappler
Senator Fuller Clark