



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner



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March 8, 2012

The Honorable Bob Odell,
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 102

RE: SB 399 - Relative to the maximum permit application fee for certain municipal dredging projects.

Dear Senator Odell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 399 that would establish a maximum wetlands application fee of \$10,000 for municipal dredging projects with the primary purpose of restoring or reclaiming lakes and ponds. The Department of Environmental Services supports SB 399 as proposed.

The Department has previously indicated support for a \$10,000 cap on the application fee for New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) projects [ref. RSA 482-A:3,X.(a)] and tidal dredging projects to improve navigation for a municipality [ref. RSA-482-A:3,X.(b)]. The wording of the proposed legislation is consistent with the wording found in the DOT and tidal dredging sections of the statute and is acceptable to the Department.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

cc. Senators Bragdon, Belvin, Willette, and Hansen

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