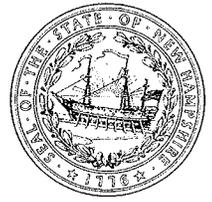




The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

February 17, 2011

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

RE: HB 470 -FN - An Act repealing the shoreland protection act

Dear Chairman Renzullo:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 470-FN, which seeks to repeal the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA). The Department of Environmental Services (DES) does not support the bill as written.

DES has been working very closely with Senator Bradley and others on Senate Bill 154, Reforming the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, which is also being heard this morning in the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. We believe that SB 154 as amended goes a long way towards addressing many concerns that have been raised with the CSPA. Therefore, we recommend that HB 470 be retained until SB 154 comes before the House for consideration. Alternatively, at your request, we would be happy to bring the proposed amendments to SB 154 to you for further review and consideration at any time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. Please feel free to call Rene Pelletier at 271- 2951, or me at 271-2958, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


For Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Representative McConkey
Representative Merrow
Representative Howard
Representative Scala