



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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The Honorable Bob Odell, Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 102
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: HB 55, relative to adding a member to the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee

Dear Chairman Odell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 55, which seeks to add a new member to the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee to represent the New Hampshire Lakes Association. The Department of Environmental Services supports this legislation.

The New Hampshire Lakes Association has long been recognized as a leading organization on environmental issues related to the lakes and ponds in New Hampshire. The adverse effects of invasive exotic aquatic plants on New Hampshire's lakes are among the principal concerns of the New Hampshire Lakes Association. Its direct involvement in the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee will strengthen the Committee's ability to address this important ecological problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. Please feel free to call Jody Connor at 271-3414, or me at 271-2958, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Representative Drisko
Representative Russell
Representative Christensen
DES Exotic Species Program