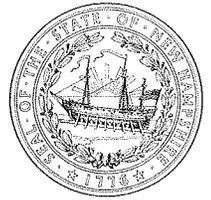




The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

April 5, 2011

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

Re: SB 32 relative to water withdrawals for snowmaking

Dear Chairman Renzullo:

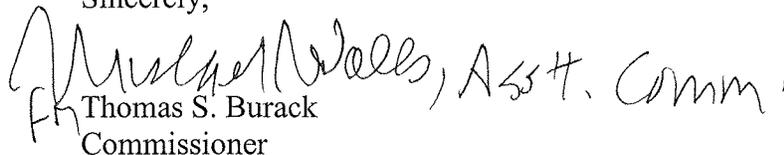
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 32, which would modify RSA 488 relative to Water Use Registration and Reporting by clarifying the measurement and reporting requirements for water use associated with snowmaking. DES supports SB 32.

SB 32 describes the methods that are specifically acceptable for measuring water use associated with snowmaking. DES collaborated with representatives from the ski industry to develop a proposed amendment to SB 32 as introduced in the Senate. This language was incorporated into SB 32 prior to its passage by the Senate.

We believe that this bill reasonably addresses the concerns of the New Hampshire ski industry by further clarifying in statute how ski areas might comply with the monitoring requirements of RSA 488. We also believe that the bill will provide the water use data necessary to sustainably manage New Hampshire's water resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call Brandon Kernen at 271-0660 or me at 271-2958.

Sincerely,


Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

cc: Senator Gallus