



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



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The Honorable Suzanne Smith
Chair, Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 219, AN ACT relative to membership on the Structures on Non-tidal Public Waterways Commission.

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 219. This bill would remove the representative of the recreational boating community that was to be appointed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary from the membership of the Structures on Non-tidal Public Waterways Commission and sets the number of members needed to achieve a quorum during meetings. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports this bill.

While the Department values the opinion of the recreational boating community on public water use issues, we understand that the Commander of Flotilla 2-8, station Portsmouth Harbor, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is prohibited from fulfilling their role in appointing this member to the Commission.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on HB 219. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact either Rene Pelletier, Assistant Director, Water Division, at 603-271-2951 or Rene.Pelletier@des.nh.gov, or Darlene Forst, Shoreland Section Supervisor at 603-271-4067 or Darlene.Forst@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

cc: Representative Renzullo