



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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

RE: HB 228, AN ACT extending the commission to study the current statutes related to management of non-tidal public waterways and the construction or placement of structures within them.

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 228. This bill would extend the term of the Structures on Non-tidal Public Waterways Commission by one year to November 30, 2020. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports this bill.

The Department recognizes the breadth and depth of issues that need to be reviewed by the Commission and the complexity of developing a plan for managing structures on the state's non-tidal public waterways. The Department believes that the additional time granted will allow the Commission to reach a better outcome with regard to the responsibilities they have been assigned.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on HB 228. 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 Ebel