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February 9, 2022

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

**RE: HB 1071 - AN ACT relative to wake surfing.**

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee:

RSA 483-A established the New Hampshire Lakes Management and Protection Program and the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) to complement and reinforce existing state and federal water quality laws. Within its responsibilities of advising the NHDES Commissioner and the department, the LMAC reviews and takes positions on legislation pertaining to New Hampshire's lakes. The LMAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 1071.

The LMAC's vote to take a position on this bill occurred before results were made public from the University of Minnesota study regarding the size and attenuation of wake boat wakes. The LMAC has not yet had the chance to meet to discuss the results of that study and how they may interact with this bill.

The LMAC **supports HB 1071**. Wakes damage shorelines, cause challenges for lakefront land owners and churn up sediment that adversely affects aquatic life. While many factors affect wake size, increasing the buffer distance substantially reduces the size of wakes that hit the shore or other boats. Having a buffer from wake boats supports the quiet enjoyment of lakes, such as by users that are swimming, fishing or observing wildlife. We recognize there are some waterbodies where it may not be feasible to maintain 250' between vessels. However, we believe the advantages of this bill outweigh the disadvantages and we urge your support.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of lake stakeholders, representing the NH Lakes Association, conservation commissions, the scientific community, conservation community, planning boards, Business and Industry Association, tourism industry, state conservation committee, NH Municipal Association, fishing interests, NH Fish & Game Commission, NH Association of Realtors, Marine Trades Association, and several state agencies. Committee members are appointed by the Governor and Council or the head of the state agency and are charged with supporting the legislative intent of the Lakes Management and Protection Program.

**In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 1071 for the reasons stated above.** Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or [appliedforce52@gmail.com](mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com).

Respectfully,



David Packard, Chair

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