

Voting Members:

**David Packard**  
Chair  
NH Lakes Assn.

**Shane Bradt**  
Scientific Community

**Ryan Cardella**  
Marine Trades  
Association

**Tiffany Grade**  
Conservation  
Community

**Sara Holland**  
NH Association of  
Realtors

**Janet Kidder**  
Planning Boards

**Frank Lemay**  
NH BIA

**Jared Maraio**  
NH Travel Council

**Lisa Morin**  
State Conservation  
Committee

**Dick Smith**  
Fishing Interests

**Meredith Smith**  
Municipal Official

**Bruce Temple**  
NH Fish & Game  
Commission

**Vacant**  
Conservation  
Commissions

Non-Voting Members:

**Garret Graaskamp**  
Vice Chair  
NH Fish & Game Dept.

**Capt. Tim Dunleavy**  
NH Dept. of Safety

**Eric Feldbaum**  
NH Dept. of Natural and  
Cultural Resources

**Jennifer Gilbert**  
NH Office of Strategic  
Initiatives

**Mark Hemmerlein**  
NH Dept. of Trans.

**Shawn Jasper**  
NH Dept. of  
Ag, Markets & Food

Staff:

**Tracie Sales**  
Program Manager

**Nisa Marks**  
Program Assistant

**Vacant**  
Watershed Coordinator

N.H. Lakes Management and Protection Program  
**N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee**

January 18, 2022

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

**RE: HB 1167** – *An act establishing a maximum contaminant level for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water.*

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 1167.

The LMAC opposes HB 1167. Water quality standards are most appropriately set by qualified experts at the Department of Environmental Services, not in statute by the legislature. Setting standards by rulemaking helps ensure that standards are based on the best available scientific data and are able to be updated as new information becomes available. Work is already underway by NHDES to set PFAS standards for surface waters, so this bill is unnecessary.

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 opposes HB 1167 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

ec: Rep. Bill Boyd  
LMAC Representatives  
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES  
Ted Diers, Administrator, Watershed Mgmt. Bur., NHDES  
Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Programs Manager, NHDES