

N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Regina Birdsell, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 101
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1316 - AN ACT directing the director of state police to develop requirements for eFoil and electric hydrofoil surfboard watercraft.

Dear Chair Birdsell 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 1316.

The LMAC **supports HB 1316**. Efoils are a relatively new type of motorized watercraft that we expect to become increasingly used on New Hampshire waterbodies. Their potential to reach speeds of 20-30 mph and the skill required to operate them make it sensible to develop safety requirements. The process laid out in HB 1316 is an appropriate approach for developing safety requirements that will protect everyone recreating on our lakes and rivers, including eFoil users and people enjoying our waters in other ways.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of lake stakeholders, representing NH LAKES, 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 1316 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.

Respectfully,



David Packard, Chairman

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