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The Honorable Suzanne Smith, Chair  
Resources, Recreation, and Development  
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Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 219** *Relative to membership on the Structures on Non-tidal Public Waterways Commission.*

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 219, which will remove a member of the Structures on Non-tidal Public Waterways Commission and redefines a quorum for the commission. The LMAC opposes HB 219.

Reducing the quorum requirement for the Structures on Non-tidal Public Waterways Commission to seven, which is less than the majority of the current 18 or proposed 17 members, will result in decisions and recommendations being made by the commission that do not represent the opinions of a majority of the interests that the commission represents. This may lead to policy making that is not in the best interests of New Hampshire's lakes, ponds, and citizens, as relevant voices will not be heard. Reducing the quorum to less than half of the members also sets a poor precedent for other boards, commissions, and committees who make important decisions on behalf of New Hampshire's citizens. The LMAC has no opinion on the elimination of the commission seat representing the recreational boating community that is not a waterfront property owner.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members representing academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, municipal government as well as several state agencies. Among its other responsibilities, the LMAC reviews legislation relevant to the Program and the state's lakes and ponds, and advises the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the LMAC opposes HB 219 because it redefines a quorum which would not be representative of the full commission and may therefore affect decision and policy making.

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Should you have further questions about this testimony, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or [appliedforce52@gmail.com](mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



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