

N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Kevin Avard, Chair
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Statehouse, Room 103
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1143 - AN ACT relative to amending the New Hampshire clean lakes program to include cyanobacteria blooms.

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 1143**, which will allow the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to monitor, manage, and reduce the risk of cyanobacteria blooms under the authority of the Clean Lakes Program.

This bill implements a key priority identified by NHDES in the statewide cyanobacteria plan. Among other things, it would authorize NHDES to permit in-lake treatments of cyanobacteria blooms where appropriate. In-lake treatments are an important mechanism for controlling blooms in waterbodies where the lake sediment is the primary source of phosphorus. Including cyanobacteria work in the Clean Lakes Program would also allow NHDES to support work to diagnose the specific sources of nutrients at each lake being considered for management, so that in-lake treatment only occurs at waterbodies where it would be an effective method of reducing blooms. Cyanobacteria blooms are already adversely affecting New Hampshire residents, tourists, businesses, and property values. The tools in this bill are important for maintaining the public's future enjoyment of our lakes.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with 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.

In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 1143 for the reasons stated above. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 569-3114 or stevewingate@roadrunner.com.

Respectfully,



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