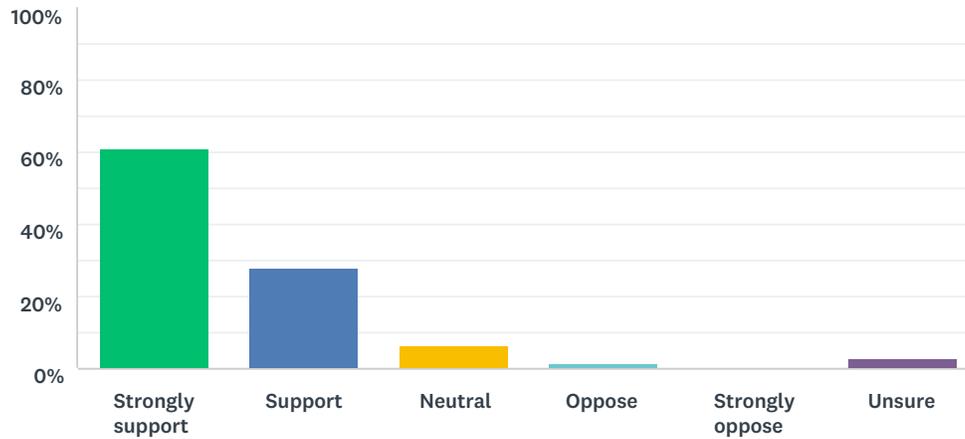


Q1 Please provide your position on the following legislative priority: An aquatic invasive species (AIS) sticker program for New Hampshire similar to the “Preserve Maine Waters” sticker program in Maine designed to increase funding for the prevention and management of AIS in New Hampshire.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	61.18%	156
Support	27.84%	71
Neutral	6.27%	16
Oppose	1.57%	4
Strongly oppose	0.00%	0
Unsure	3.14%	8
TOTAL		255

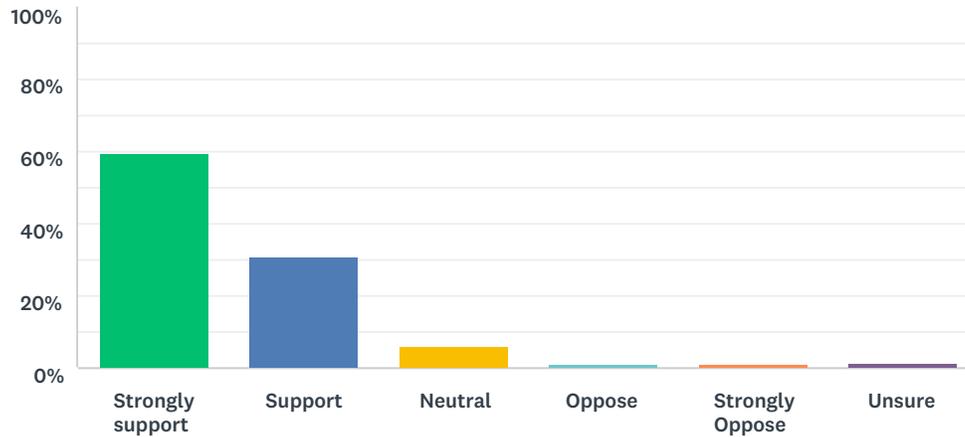
#	PLEASE PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THIS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY.	DATE
1	If the NH program follows the Maine program, it puts the cost only on registered boats. Tens of thousands of non-motorized boats enjoy our waters and they should participate in the cost of AIS programs. This program also puts a large part of the cost on registered boaters whose boats never leave their home body of water. These boaters are not the ones causing the invasive species problem. The state took this funding approach to fund their access initiative. As a boater who pays tens of thousands of dollars in property taxes, it's frustrating to have to pay additional fees for lake access that I don't use. The success of the program has opened up more public waters and has added to the invasive species problem as well as impacting water quality through increased erosion and pollution.	11/18/2018 11:41 PM
2	I am not familiar with the program. I know we have lots of busy Lake Hosts and do not have invasive aquatic plants in Pleasant Lake, Deerfield	11/18/2018 8:50 PM
3	If a boat stays on the same lake all summer the owner should not have to pay an additional fee for a sticker.	11/18/2018 4:50 PM
4	critical to protect our lakes!!!	11/18/2018 2:59 PM
5	As with most programs in NH, generating specific funding is the route to take.	11/18/2018 2:47 PM

6	Cost should be minimal for these	11/17/2018 4:17 PM
7	I would support this program anyways,however as an actual lake resident I feel that we need to do anything and everything we can to protect our lakes.	11/12/2018 4:21 PM
8	Use new increased funding to support local watershed and water quality programs local lake associations.	11/12/2018 6:38 AM
9	Always have believed that the users should step up to support worthwhile programs for their activities.	11/10/2018 11:20 AM
10	How would this program be implemented, and funded? Would it become part of the state boat registration process, many boats, (kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, etc are not required to be registered), a voluntary purchase by a boater or land owner or provided by NH Lakes Association to be distributed thru Local Lake Associations?	11/10/2018 10:15 AM
11	For boats not registered in NH. Start with a most cost say \$10.00, then increase over the next few years.	11/10/2018 9:01 AM
12	Absolutely necessary. Need to get ahead of the problem as best we can (even though we are woefully behind)	11/10/2018 8:40 AM
13	I was just elected to the NH Legislature (Hillsborough District 40). If you need someone to submit or co-sponsor this bill, I am happy to do so.	11/10/2018 7:34 AM
14	The State of ME requires all bass fishing tournament organizers to provide a "qualified" person to inspect each boat during a tournament. Why doesn't NH?	11/10/2018 7:24 AM
15	Is it achievable, realistically? If it is as broad as Maine's, requiring canoes and non-motorized watercraft to have the sticker, the push back will be huge.	10/29/2018 10:35 AM
16	I would strongly support it if it was voluntary.	10/24/2018 7:51 AM
17	But cost information would be nice. Although I made this the last priority it might be the easiest to get through and could help fund public awareness of other necessities.	10/19/2018 5:24 PM
18	I only support this if the state does more with the money generated through sticker fees than just study. They need to actively police and not just on the lakes that have more boats registered like Winni. Small lakes are choked faster and will lead to big lakes.	10/19/2018 11:46 AM
19	A long-term, proactive prevention program is a much lower cost and results in cleaner, healthier lakes, than a reactive (after-the-problem has started) approach.	10/17/2018 7:53 AM
20	Not setting the sticker fee too low is important.	10/15/2018 12:32 PM
21	Eurasian milfoil is a problem in our lake.	10/14/2018 11:12 AM
22	Ongoing relentless efforts to eradicate (or at least control the spread of) milfoil in the Suncook Lakes is a huge priority for us.	10/13/2018 6:31 PM
23	This should apply to vessels not already registered in NH including canoes,. Kayaks, SUP. Model after snowmobile registration and club dues. I join a club once, and get a discount on all sleds I register.	10/13/2018 11:03 AM
24	Should have state sponsorship, but not be mandatory at initial offering.	10/13/2018 9:44 AM
25	Support raising the funding but not necessarily a sticker program.	10/13/2018 8:04 AM
26	Makes sense to me. Anything we can do to prevent invasive species spreading is a good thing.	10/9/2018 8:00 AM
27	This legislative priority seems like a great way to increase funding for AIS in NH.	10/9/2018 5:26 AM
28	I feel if people want to boat in NH from out of state they should absolutely be willing to support our keep NH Lakes Lakes clean.	10/8/2018 1:12 PM
29	I would probably support this type of legislation. However, I have not received any information from NH Lakes about what is being proposed. WHY NOT ?	10/8/2018 7:58 AM
30	AIS is one of the most pressing challenges, any opportunity to find alternative funding is a key priority and a good idea.	10/7/2018 5:15 PM
31	Start with a very modist fee for non New Hampshire registered boats. Say \$10.00.	10/7/2018 6:57 AM
32	Needs to address non-motorized watercraft that account for more than 50% of our inspections without providing funding stream.	10/7/2018 6:52 AM

33	Not familiar with Maine's program but very concerned about the spread of AIS and any way to increase funding is a positive step.	10/6/2018 9:56 PM
34	As a Maine boat owner, I know it works and have not heard any complaints about the fee. Everyone wants to keep invasives out of their water body if at all possible.	10/6/2018 9:19 PM
35	Any form (sticker, card, or other form of endorsement) is beneficial to educate/involve the public. As well, the inherent advocacy of an involved legislature is just as critically important. Their endorsement and support of any public relations initiative is important now and for the predictable future. To me, this is somewhat analogous to the Fish and Game safe hiking card, a small investment insures against future catastrophe.	10/6/2018 7:53 PM
36	Anything that will help prevent the spread of invasive will be helpful	10/6/2018 6:54 PM
37	We need to keep our waters healthy and funding raising to help offset the cost of AIS management and mitigation will assist with this. If most of the AIS infestation is primarily a increased factor due to out of state boating habits and nonconformance, then more strict measures should be implemented to raise the money to offset costs from offenders and help lessen the burden of costs from in-state community members.	10/6/2018 6:24 PM
38	Once invasives get into a water body, they are extremely hard to eradicate. Western states are really doing as much as they can to protect their waters and we must do the same.	10/6/2018 3:11 PM
39	not sure what this program is but would lie to see more \$\$\$ to prevent AIS	10/6/2018 2:12 PM
40	The less government the better. We don't need more regulations.	10/6/2018 11:48 AM
41	I like the idea of increasing funding but stickers don't seem to be very environmentally friendly.	10/6/2018 11:47 AM
42	We need to be proactive when it comes to AIS.	10/6/2018 11:25 AM
43	Maine sticker advocates for big picture, which makes more sense to me than choosing only one of several of our priorities.	10/6/2018 10:23 AM
44	Strongly support any actions to prevent spread of invasive species, but don't know or understand sticker program and it is not explained here	10/6/2018 10:08 AM
45	I like the "Preserve NH Waters" logo so people know what you are talking about. "Protect NH Waters" is even better.	10/6/2018 8:50 AM
46	Several advocates for Vermont water quality are working to approach our legislature to do the same! The stall is approximately 30% of all motorboat registrations already go to AIS programs. Would like to see all vectors included in funding the sticker program: lesser amount paid for a sticker for non-motorized watercraft and higher amount for non-residents accessing VT waterbodies.	10/6/2018 8:37 AM
47	It is very important to the health of our lakes, and the tourist economy which is very important to NH	10/6/2018 7:54 AM
48	I would support it for motorboats only Not canoes or kayaks, etc.	10/6/2018 7:43 AM
49	The threat of new aquatic invasive species is ever increasing. Providing additional resources to educate the public and increase early detection methods is critical.	10/6/2018 7:36 AM
50	I would hate to have 'another' bureau created if this could be administered by an existing set-up, then I am all for it.	10/6/2018 7:28 AM
51	I think this should apply on to, or be made more expensive for, out-of-state boats. Also - limit it to motorized craft, as Maine does.	10/6/2018 7:13 AM

**Q2 Please provide your position on the following legislative priority:
 Enabling legislation that would allow public boat access facility owners (such as state agencies and municipalities) to require that boaters utilize the technology made available to them at these areas (e.g. garden hose, cleaning tools, decontamination unit) for the purposes of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.**

Answered: 255 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly support	59.61% 152
Support	30.98% 79
Neutral	5.88% 15
Oppose	1.18% 3
Strongly Oppose	0.78% 2
Unsure	1.57% 4
TOTAL	255

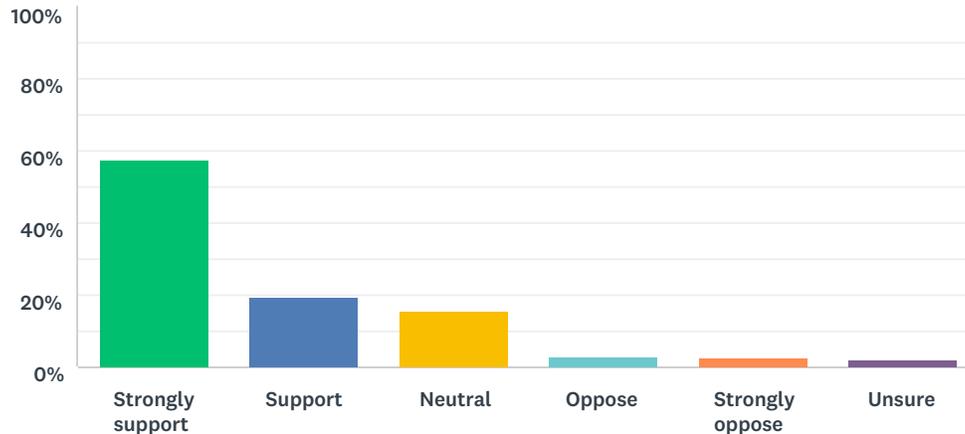
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1	This would make the best of a bad situation. The state wanted to create more access to our lakes and we're now living with the consequences. The state should be a good steward of this public resource, but this doesn't appear to be the case. Even if this passes, it will be ignore like the other laws surrounding access facilities, like no swimming within 50 feet of an access facility. Marine Patrol isn't allowed to enforce the law, local law enforcement doesn't want to get involved either and the fish & game officers I spoken with don't want to enforce it so they look the other way.	11/18/2018 11:41 PM
2	NH Fish and Game has done an extremely poor job of building public boat ramps. In my opinion they are responsible for the rampant spread of Milfoil in our area, it is just a matter of time before all lakes with public access get it. NH Fish and Game should be responsible for education and enforcement of the public about invasives as well as erosion from wakes and the boat launch itself. They should also have to get permission from stake holders before they dump trout and other species into the lake.	11/18/2018 8:50 PM
3	Charge a cleaning and launch fee between Memorial Day and mid September	11/18/2018 4:50 PM

4	If we don't take a more proactive stance with our lakes we face the chance that our generation and ones to come will lose access to clean healthy lakes	11/12/2018 4:21 PM
5	Without new funding those technologies will not be put in place.	11/12/2018 6:38 AM
6	This seems like one of those "feel good" ideas that would be impossible to enforce. Those who are inclined to clean their boats between trips to waterbodies will do so with or without this legislation. Those who don't care won't care, and there's no practical way to enforce it. Spend the resources on something else.	11/10/2018 11:20 AM
7	Although I support this initiative, many boat ramps, mine included, does not have ANY technology available for this purpose. Still, those ramps that can make these tools available, I believe should do so.	11/10/2018 10:15 AM
8	Strong tool to ensure protection of public resources.	11/10/2018 8:40 AM
9	Run off and expediency make this difficult. The idea is noble but even clean, drain and dry are very difficult to carry out for the same reasons and they are never enforced.	11/10/2018 8:20 AM
10	No space provided. Go home and do it.	11/10/2018 8:02 AM
11	This material and tools can be provided, but will boaters use them	11/10/2018 7:24 AM
12	You're asking for the purchase and installation of the equipment at public boat access facilities, which means money, which is difficult in NH. The access facility at my town's lake does not seem (to me) to have room for such equipment.	11/10/2018 7:23 AM
13	Those are tools not methods. What is one without the other?	11/10/2018 6:39 AM
14	But how in the world could this be enforced?	11/6/2018 9:32 AM
15	Sounds good. Difficult to do on our tiny lake where the access area is congested and boat trailer parking is privately owned.	10/19/2018 5:24 PM
16	Nice concept, but logistically will never happen. NH cannot fund their schools, solve drug crisis issues, so this is a foolish expectation that there would be people policing 24/7 to be sure your boat/trailer is clean.	10/19/2018 11:46 AM
17	This could present complex issues that could prohibit it.	10/13/2018 9:44 AM
18	This would encourage further education of AIS and boaters should be doing these simple things, but don't.	10/9/2018 5:26 AM
19	Unfortunately with the threat of the Asian Clam, Zebra mussel and the other creatures of this nature that we can't detect with the human eye this is the only way we can prevent the spread of these.	10/8/2018 1:12 PM
20	Again, I would need much more information about how this would work before I could put my support behind it. I am an active lake association member, a Weed Watcher, and a part time volunteer Lake Host. I do not know the specifics of this proposal.	10/8/2018 7:58 AM
21	If an inspection yields positive results, it should be required to remove the AIS before leaving.	10/7/2018 5:15 PM
22	Addition of this washing step in the launch, recreate, retrieve, return home will not work and will lead to deep resentment of those that propose and sponsor the approach.	10/7/2018 6:52 AM
23	While I support this, I believe these washing stations should not be right next to boat launches. Our Lake Association Board has discussed this numerous times, and come to the conclusion that we don't want anything adjacent to our lake because of the risk of seed contamination in the runoff.	10/6/2018 9:06 PM
24	F the current evolution of the Lake Host program into a primary public education advocacy, then their "clients" should easily understand and accept such a proposal. Again, Legislature involvement in recognizing these concerns is critical.	10/6/2018 7:53 PM
25	We could use some cleaning tools at our public launch site on Messer Pond.	10/6/2018 6:54 PM
26	What would be the downside of this?	10/6/2018 6:24 PM
27	It is done in lots of states.	10/6/2018 3:11 PM
28	The less state government regulations the better	10/6/2018 11:48 AM
29	Some boat ramps don't have the space for some of these decontamination ideas. Utilizing a nearby car wash could work as well.	10/6/2018 11:25 AM

30	This is a welcome addition to preventing AIS.	10/6/2018 10:54 AM
31	What technology? Here at Pawtuckiaway State Park, only paid and volunteer Lake Hosts implement programs to prevent the spread of aquatic species. The State Park allows us to do voluntary inspections there, but I know of no hoses, power washers, or cleaning stations that boaters can use on site. Almost all boaters say they would use them if they were available. Let's get the facilities first, and then see if we need to require people to use them!	10/6/2018 10:18 AM
32	Be sure the legislative intent in wording of any new law is clear and strong to not allow for a 'narrow view' interpretation! This must be enforceable.	10/6/2018 8:37 AM
33	This is all about protecting the value of state property for the future enjoyment of the state's citizens. Entirely reasonable!	10/6/2018 8:09 AM
34	The equipment is difficult in some of the smaller lakes and boat ramps.	10/6/2018 8:05 AM
35	I think these things should be available. I am not sure how commonly they are available. Where they are available are they being used voluntarily? I think it might be better to put the focus on making sure these cleaning tools are available at all launches. That is going to be expensive. It not clear to me how this would be enforced at launches. They are not monitors. Let's get the tools available widely and educate and encourage voluntary cooperation. Then assess if regulation is required.	10/6/2018 7:54 AM
36	If it means that boaters be required to use the technology / equipment on site prior to departure of the launch site I strongly say no because we have gone boating with little kids and our son with disabilities is almost 10 and sometimes the priority would be to get away to a bathroom or find food as soon as possible. We clean drain dry at home after the kids are in bed.	10/6/2018 7:43 AM
37	The risk of transferring invasive species from one water body to another is high. Anything that enforces good practices such as drain, clean and dry is beneficial.	10/6/2018 7:36 AM

Q3 Please provide your position on this legislative priority: A commission to study the effects of wake boats on the spread of aquatic invasive species, the safety of swimmers and other boaters, and on shoreline erosion.

Answered: 255 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	57.25%	146
Support	19.61%	50
Neutral	15.69%	40
Oppose	3.14%	8
Strongly oppose	2.35%	6
Unsure	1.96%	5
TOTAL		255

#	PLEASE PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THIS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY.	DATE
1	Wake surfing is becoming more and more popular, and as a result, I'm seeing more and more environmental damage to the shoreline on my property each year.	11/27/2018 8:31 AM
2	Most of the transient boats I see on our lake are either wake boats or fishing boats. Both have the capacity to take on lake water and pump it back out. This increases the likelihood of spreading AIS. Shoreline erosion is a huge problem. Our lake is filling in at an extremely accelerated rate over the past 20 years. This is a combination of the state adding an access facility about 20 years ago, keeping the water significantly higher to make it easier for transient boaters to get in and out of the ramp and the boom of large wake boats that are designed to mimic the ocean. I've spent 64 summers on our lake and have witnessed the increase in the size of boat wakes and the frequency. It's like living at the ocean.	11/18/2018 11:41 PM
3	Wake boats should be illegal on all but the largest NH Lakes. The environmental impact of Wake boats operating just beyond 150 feet of the shore line is significant because it causes erosion and turbidity which in turn fertilize phytoplankton blooms. The huge wakes also top dock and can be a safety issue for swimmers, particularly children.	11/18/2018 8:50 PM
4	This is a major problem on Pleasant Lake, Deerfield. No loon nests this year perhaps because of the wakes.	11/18/2018 2:47 PM

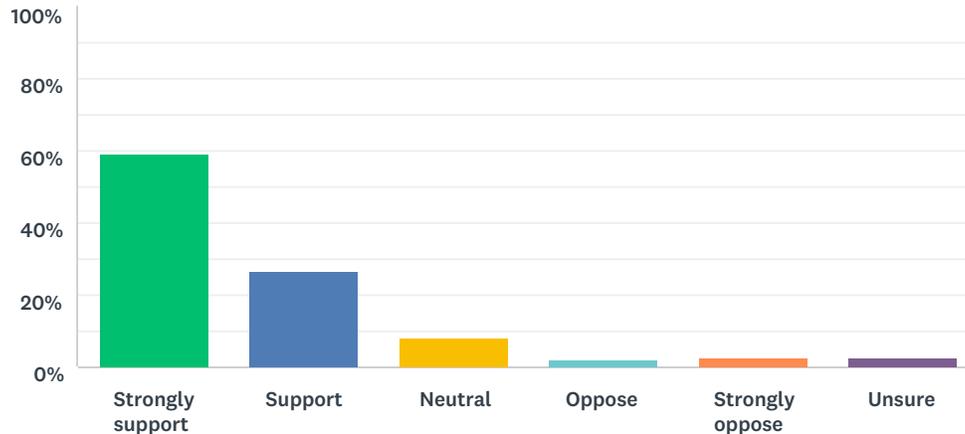
5	A single wake boat on "our" small lake is contributing to shoreline erosion and disturbance of lake bottom material affecting the quality of the water. Also the waves from this boat are intimidating to folks in canoes and kayaks and to small children in shoreline waters -- indeed, we have heard from guest boaters that they will not be back to our lake because of the danger from these outsized wakes.	11/17/2018 8:12 AM
6	I strongly feel that many small lakes, especially ones with resident camping areas and in close proximity to Massachusetts and or Vermont are in danger of abuse by people who are not interested in maintaining safe and healthy waterway, but only in there selfish use.	11/12/2018 4:21 PM
7	Wake boats are already proven to do these things. Don't study it, legislate that wake boats must operate in depths greater than 25 feet and more than 200 feet from shore.	11/12/2018 6:38 AM
8	The effects of shoreline erosion as well as the battering of docked boats and docks are significant Some control is necessary.	11/11/2018 5:26 PM
9	WE BELIEVE THE USE OF LAWN CHEMICALS AND ALL FERTILIZERS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED WITHIN 100 FEET OR MORE OF A LAKE.	11/11/2018 2:45 PM
10	Wake boats are extremely destructive to shorelines, regardless of how far offshore they are operating. The waves cause a huge amount of erosion and nutrient loading. I have seen those waves actually tear chunks of shorefront vegetation and its roots right off the land. Something MUST be done.	11/10/2018 11:45 AM
11	A real issue on our lake. Boats are getting bigger, some operators less attentive or less concerned about other users of the lake. However....not sure what the solution(s) would entail.	11/10/2018 11:20 AM
12	This would be a good initiative, however, at present- my priority would be: 1. the safety of swimmers, other boaters, paddle boarders, 2. shoreline erosion, # spread of aquatic invasive species.	11/10/2018 10:15 AM
13	This is a major question that has come up at Pleasant Lake, Deerfield/Northwood. Many are opposed to wake boards and worry about the ballast water of these boats given our lake does not have milfoil (yet).	11/10/2018 8:40 AM
14	Biggest new threat to peace on the lake.	11/10/2018 8:20 AM
15	Are "wake boats" jet skis? If so, then they should be controlled in areas where shoreline erosion and safety of boaters and swimmers are a concern	11/10/2018 7:24 AM
16	Cobbetts Pond is a small lake that has many wake boats. These have caused shoreline erosion and tearing up of weed beds causing weeds to spread. I would like to see a minimum requirement of wake surfing no closer than 300 ft from shoreline.	11/10/2018 6:56 AM
17	These are a menace to our shorelines and other boaters.	11/6/2018 9:32 AM
18	I support the idea. However, the draft House bill calling for a Commission is not well done, in my view. It refers to positive and negative uses, but then the list of specifics are all negative, and the word "uses" is awkward and odd. There is no definition of "wake boat." To have a chance of success, the bill should focus on boats that generate outsized wakes for wake surfing, not run of the mill wake boarding (a much larger group of boaters). The push back will mobilize all of the broader group of wake boarders. You need to be very strategic in approaching this issue, because it will be controversial.	10/29/2018 10:35 AM
19	This would be great. All three things seem due to human carelessness or lack of knowledge and could be legislated if there were the research and the will to help curtail speed. I tried to find information on the effect of boat speed on disturbing the lake bottom at Kezar -- where supposedly pollutants reside after aluminum salt treatments for algae were undertaken by the state decades ago -- but it was impossible to discern. For me anyway. I am against all speed boats on Kezar Lake due to its size and fragility after past pollution but....fat chance outlawing. The safety issue plagues me when I see swimmers and boats in tight confines around the launch area but also solo swimmers crossing the lake.	10/19/2018 5:24 PM
20	Don't waste the money on "feel good" studies. Of course boat props and jet drives that chop up invasive plants and further propagate them. Put the money and effort into vacuum harvesting and treatment chemicals and other controls.	10/19/2018 11:46 AM
21	A study could identify in what situations wake boats (or any other boat) could be a higher risk of damage.	10/17/2018 7:53 AM

22	We have jet skis with inexperienced (apparently) boaters who go at excessive speeds, chasing down loons and oblivious to non motorized boats, paddle boarders, and swimmers. I don't think they even SEE the swimmers half the time.	10/13/2018 11:46 AM
23	Obviously, the goal of any such study is to propose new laws. I am concerned that a conclusion that new laws either aren't needed or won't work will encourage more wake sports. Online search shows that this is a growing problem across the country with no simple solutions. AIS and erosion are environmental issues, not safety, and a study should include an approach form that side rather than creating new boating laws.	10/13/2018 11:03 AM
24	What is a "wake boat"? Is it a board? or a motorized vehicle/	10/10/2018 8:29 AM
25	Wake boats do damage to small lakes and waterfront properties. They do need to be used in appropriate settings, not just anywhere.	10/9/2018 8:00 AM
26	I believe this would provide very helpful data.	10/9/2018 5:26 AM
27	I don't feel that wake boats can easily spread the aquatic invasive species through the ballasts. They are forced to empty them before pulling there boats since the boat is so heavy they would have difficulty hauling the boat due to its weight. I'm not sure how much of a threat they pose. As far as the other issues safety of swimmers, other boaters, and on shoreline erosion I am more concerned about these issues. I feel we need to do a better job of educating the wake boat owners and the concerns we have that these boats are causing.	10/8/2018 1:12 PM
28	This has become a major concern on Balch Lake especially regarding shoreline erosion.	10/8/2018 7:37 AM
29	This is the latest biggest problem on the lakes. Wake boats interfere with the use of the lake for just about everyone else as well as cause severe shoreline erosion and potential dock damage. Every group of enthusiasts (other than wake boaters) has a reason to dislike them - swimmers as you mention, but paddle boarders, kayakers, sailors, pleasure boaters, and most recently I found out serious water skiers are opposed as well. It was pointed out to me that one of the biggest problems is that wake boaters are too lazy to drain their tanks when they are not specifically towing or facilitating a surfer. Therefore, even when they are pleasure cruising around a lake they make the huge wake just by virtue of the tank being full. They need to be regulated as to where they can operate when making a huge wake (much more than 150 feet from shore) and perhaps required to only maintain the water ballast when actual surfing is taking place. There is a lot of education that is needed to make these people compatible with everyone else trying to enjoy the lakes. I also understand that loud music is a problem as well, although where I live I am not usually subjected to that for more than a short time as they come or go in our rather narrow area (where the shoreline is getting seriously eroded).	10/6/2018 9:56 PM
30	I would like to see legislation enacted that restrictS Wake Boat activity to a specific size of lake. Our relatively small lake, Halfmoon, has experienced shore erosion, dock and mooring displacement, boat crafts and equipment washed from the shore/dock, but most troubling small water craft that have been swamped by enormous waves. This activity is an ecological and safety issue.	10/6/2018 8:50 PM
31	Truly a developing concern, especially in the 'small lake' community. Involve the recreational boating community, including marine sales, to hear and see first hand just how bad these boats really are.	10/6/2018 7:53 PM
32	It is obvious that large wakes create waves that stir up the water and bang against the shore. This is especially true on lakes on the smaller size - like Messer Pond. This particular should be regulated on shallow water bodies I- again like Messer Pond.	10/6/2018 6:54 PM
33	Having seen first-hand the impact and potential hazards of walk boats to swimmers and natural resources that rely on NH lakes for survival (ducks, loons, etc), this should be a priority.	10/6/2018 6:24 PM
34	We already know that is true.	10/6/2018 5:58 PM
35	It is not just wake boats. Water level and Damn management priorities are also a factor. Some sound research in both of these areas would help a lot.	10/6/2018 5:41 PM
36	The wake problem is one that I don't think we pay enough attention to. This is important!	10/6/2018 4:38 PM
37	They are an unneeded form of recreation.	10/6/2018 3:11 PM

38	I don't know what the goal of this study is, but my anecdotal experience at our ramp is that AIS is spread by trailered boats. AIS is stuck on trailers or in wells on motor boats and the focus should be on requiring every driver of these boats to be tested on how to prevent the spread of AIS as part of the registration process every year. My experience is that 50% of boaters know what to do and actually do it. After all these years, I am still educating the other 50% and feel that they are politely listening and then doing whatever they want to do.	10/6/2018 1:04 PM
39	We should be able to get private funding for this. Why should my 91 year old mother living in Manchester be forced to pay for it under the threat of having her home confiscated if she can't afford her ever-increasing tax bill?	10/6/2018 11:48 AM
40	Wake boards cause severe erosion to the shoreline.	10/6/2018 11:11 AM
41	the real problem, of course, is ignorant or careless boat drivers.	10/6/2018 10:23 AM
42	Action needs to be taken now. The marine patrol can only do so much. Not saying they shouldn't be allowed but in general the operators are not sensitive to their impact.	10/6/2018 8:55 AM
43	I live on a 210 acre small Northern VT lake. Our association repeatedly reminds boaters of VT law: 200' setback away from shoreline, people in water, other watercraft, docks, moorings etc. or proceed at no wake/<5mph speed. We ask boaters to adopt the mantra 'ride the core-save the shore'. Even when motorboats are enjoying the middle of our lake the wave impact to the shoreline is substantial! Hoping to approach our statehouse to define what constitutes a wake boat and like jet skis ban them from lakes less than 300 acres.	10/6/2018 8:37 AM
44	Do not know about this study.	10/6/2018 8:13 AM
45	We live on a 300-acre lake with two wake boats in residence. It is amazing to see the difference in the size of waves produced by these boats and the impact on the shoreline in terms of erosion and disturbance of the shallow waters - no matter how far from shore they operate. And with nesting loons on the lake, the large waves cannot help but wreak havoc. This is the case of the interests of the very few hurting the interests of the very many. No doubt those few voices will be loud, but I hope that science will win. Thanks! Great idea.	10/6/2018 8:09 AM
46	My family has a wake boat. They are increasingly an enjoyable form of recreation on the lake. I don't think they are any different than other boats, PWC etc.	10/6/2018 7:54 AM
47	We see people breaking the no wake rule all the time on Ossipee, Conway, and Umbagog. It is sad that people don't know or care about other people and the shorelines. I am also friends of the family who lost their boy on Winnepesaukee in the early 1990's.	10/6/2018 7:43 AM
48	This is a huge problem!!!!!!!	10/6/2018 7:40 AM
49	Wake boats change the wave pattern in lakes and affect swimmers, boaters, and damage lake bottom and shore equilibrium.	10/6/2018 7:38 AM
50	Wake boat activity on small, shallow lakes is destructive and increases the threat of increased turbidity, algal growth and shoreline erosion. Pilots of these boats when towing skiers are distracted and pose a serious safety hazard to waterfowl, swimmers and low impact boaters.	10/6/2018 7:36 AM
51	Should give background of wake boats - how much of an issue is it?	10/6/2018 7:29 AM
52	The people who own wake boats aren't the problem for spreading weeds like most fishermen. They spend thousands of dollars on boats and make sure they are some of the cleanest boats on the water. It's more the casual boaters and weekend warriors who are out and often have alcohol on board their boat that don't really care as much about the lakes. As far as erosion, wake boats work better in deeper water and not well in shallow water so the waves have a chance to dissipate before hitting shoreline	10/6/2018 7:27 AM
53	I do strongly support this, both because I think there is an impact, and also because many boaters don't follow the laws about distance from shore, etc.	10/6/2018 7:13 AM

Q4 Please provide your position on this legislative priority: Modifications to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act to improve the vegetative standards and the corresponding functionality of woodland buffers to mitigate polluted runoff from entering adjacent waters.

Answered: 255 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	58.82%	150
Support	26.27%	67
Neutral	7.84%	20
Oppose	1.96%	5
Strongly oppose	2.75%	7
Unsure	2.35%	6
TOTAL		255

#	PLEASE PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THIS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY.	DATE
1	Should consult with DES compliance/enforcement staff (such as me) on how to write this law in a way that makes it easier to enforce. Should look at a way to bring 'pre-existing' non-conforming lots that were cleared prior to the law into compliance as far as vegetation. Why do we need to 'grandfather' lots that could easily improve their waterfront with native vegetation? Also, 'grandfathered' houses that are too close to the water should not be allowed to expand their decks closer to the water. Must also deal with the issue of insurance companies and arborists instilling fear in landowners that they must remove all the trees around their houses or risk the trees falling on them/their homes. Healthy trees are being removed with this justification and it's very hard to tell them they are wrong. New homes being constructed 50 feet from the water inevitably encroach on the waterfront buffer and destroy the vegetation. The set back should be 100 feet.	11/19/2018 9:24 AM
2	It depends on what the modifications are. Due to the horrible policies of the state, we've lost 40' of of frontage in the last 20 years. The state makes it impossible to build retaining walls, although I notice the state does it whenever they want to. If these new standards are just going to add to the bureaucracy that impedes the ability of homeowners from protecting their property, I'm against it.	11/18/2018 11:41 PM

3	It is essential to maintain a vegetated, wooded shoreline. The old Shoreline Protection Act which protected cutting to too many trees within 250 feet of the water should be reinstated and ENFORCED. Engineered devices such as semipermeable surfaces for driveways, rain gardens, sand to catch rain overflow from houses etc all lack the microbes (bacteria and fungi) that live naturally in the forest soil as well as living roots from vegetation. The living roots and microbes are the primary removers of phosphorus and nitrogen that fertilize our lakes. Planning and Zoning Boards are NOT educated on the importance of "living soil", and are all too willing to permit garages, paved driveways etc so that a once seasonal camp on a very small lot (.1,or .2 acres) can be made year-round. If this is allowed to continue, beloved NH lakes will become like southern NH lakes, and have beach closings due to cyanobacteria.	11/18/2018 8:50 PM
4	Need to fund enforcement too.	11/18/2018 2:47 PM
5	Top priority!	11/15/2018 7:15 PM
6	I think that this is a no brainer after witnessing some of the "improvements" on Swanzey lake by new residents. The problem as I see it is enforcement of any new standards. At this point anything that people want to do they seem to just do with no knowledge or regard to laws or standards. A strong requirement for permits and realistic enforcement of these standards is the only way to protect what we have.	11/12/2018 4:21 PM
7	This legislation has become so convoluted. Simplify it to only limbs and sapplings with less than 2 inches in diameter may be cut within 50 feet of the shore. No ground vegetation or brush can be removed except for pathways to shore.	11/12/2018 6:38 AM
8	I have had a lot of discussions with NH DES and other environmental groups, and they all tell me that there is a political trend right now that favors development and the "Live Free or Die," attitude with regard to shorefront tree cutting and removal of other vegetative buffers. DES also informed me that they very rarely issue fines for tree cutting violations or any other violations. They simply try to convince the land owner to be more compliant the next time. DES has told me this is the result of political pressure. This should be a NH Lakes priority.	11/10/2018 11:45 AM
9	I wish they would just enforce the existing regulations. Lots of minor scofflaws on our lake, no enforcement.	11/10/2018 11:20 AM
10	Although I would support this initiative , our lake is 1 mile long and 1/2 mile wide and there are more than 65 runoff areas that go into the lake, including a dam. At present although some property owners have been working on buffers for streams, etc. that are on their property, there are several areas we have very little control over and more that the state would have to take care of.	11/10/2018 10:15 AM
11	Needed and long overdue.	11/10/2018 8:40 AM
12	Are not the present ones if properly enforced adequate to take care of this. If you start messing with this provision you are subjecting the entire act to reconsideration.	11/10/2018 8:20 AM
13	Buffers are important to control runoff	11/10/2018 7:24 AM
14	Important, but maybe more important - since we have so many fast streams leading into the lake - might be to conserve back-country lands that have wet meadows etc. that filter stuff en route. Is the direct shoreline a small part of the problem or a major part? (It depends on the lake.) What can be done about repairing bad waterfronts - does NH have the stomach to pay or at least subsidize campowners to do such work?	11/10/2018 7:23 AM
15	Only if facts are know about preservation and runoff prevention and not just historical or heresay	11/10/2018 6:39 AM
16	I support not landscaping with lawn at least 20 feet from the water's edge. The edge of properties should be maintained with local shrubs, trees, grasses,etc.	10/21/2018 12:01 PM
17	Badly needed after the weakening of this act.	10/19/2018 5:24 PM
18	I'm a license Prof Engineer, and I was trained in college on shore land protection and coastal engineering controls by the Army Core of Engineers curriculum. Our biggest threat to lakes are mercury pollution from Coal power plants and incinerator power plants processing CFL and mercury containing light bulbs and batteries. How about all the people with failing septic systems or overloaded septic systems polluting the lakes? We don't need more controls on trees and shrubs on the shore. We have laws on that. The majority of people in favor for overly restricting vegetation cutting by the lake have clear cut, older houses built before these laws and are clear cut and have non-conforming septic systems. How about helping them comply. Look at septic systems, incinerators that burn CFL bulbs, coal plant in neighboring states, state funded mill foil treatment and studies.	10/19/2018 11:46 AM

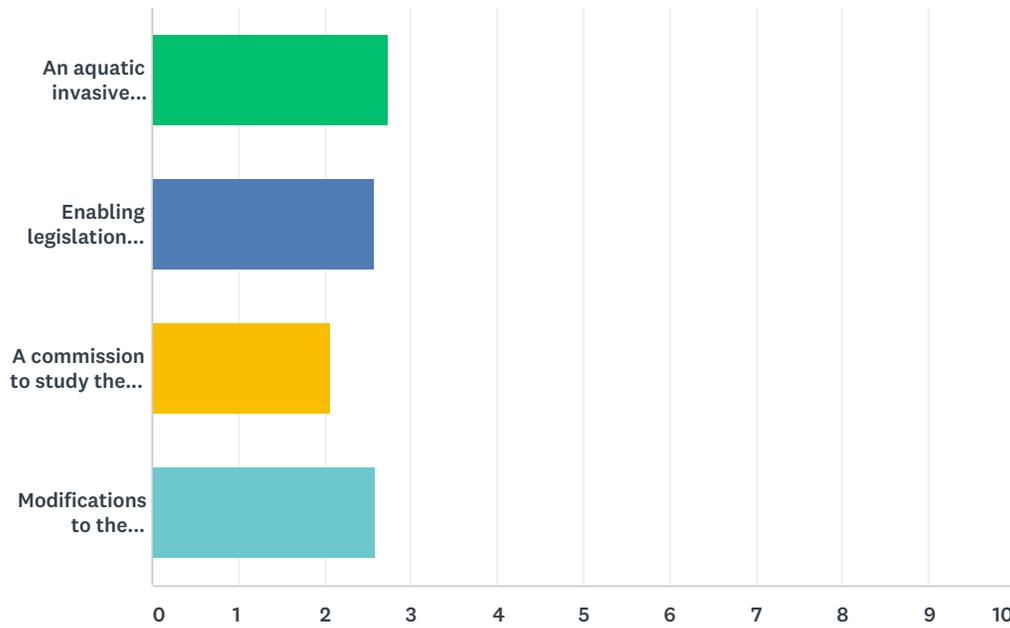
19	Be interested in what this would recommend as best practices and what would be required.	10/17/2018 7:53 AM
20	I've observed that consequences for current violators is mediocre and falls short toward preventing the violations (Violator stripped all shoreline vegetation and was required by the State to plant 5 rhododendrons to mitigate. Something seems wrong with that mild remedy). Serious violators are not feeling much pain for ignoring the rules, and some simply accept that they'll pay the fine but get what they want so it's just part of their plan. Most shoreline owners honestly try their best to comply with the regulations. I believe that State needs to seriously review the consequences of the serious violators to evaluate how effective the rules are. Making more stringent rules is not necessarily the solution on this one.	10/15/2018 12:32 PM
21	Polluted runoff and sediment from erosion.	10/14/2018 11:12 AM
22	This is the absolute highest priority for residents of Upper Suncook Lake. State/NHDES regulations and Local/Town of Barnstead ordinances are totally inadequate. It is shocking to us, that current regulations are either nonexistent (in the case of the Town of Barnstead), or alarmingly weak on the State/NHDES side (a sham!)	10/13/2018 6:31 PM
23	We have rules about the shoreland buffer zone and homeowners completely ignore it. On Mascoma Lake we have many trees being cut down along the shore with retaining walls and no vegetation being put in their place. We have started having some algae blooms because we have rapid storm water going into the lake from roads, no shade on the shoreline for large swaths, and lawns down to the water. Most importantly we have 3 invasive species on our shoreline that will make it hard for loons to nest if they start covering much of the shore: mult flora roses, Buckthorn and Japanese knotweed. Most people don't even recognize these plants.	10/13/2018 11:46 AM
24	SWQPA only deals with the 250 feet closest to shore. There needs to be more awareness of leaching and storm water runoff further back, at least through best management practices.	10/13/2018 11:03 AM
25	We have a lot of rules now in place for the shore land protection without micromanaging every thing around the lake.	10/12/2018 9:50 AM
26	I believe the laws surrounding the ability of lakefront landowners to cut some trees is onerous and unfair. I have trees leaning over my home that pose a threat to my family's safety. Removing these trees should be allowed as long as they are replaced by equally erosion / runoff effective vegetation, shrubbery or low growing trees. The costs of hiring arborists to certify which trees may be cut plus the removal costs are enormous and time wasting.	10/11/2018 6:04 AM
27	This is an important issue in my neighborhood. People assume they can do whatever they please because they are on private property. Even HOAs do not have a good understanding of the management of their common areas along the water.	10/10/2018 8:29 AM
28	We were upset when the State relaxed the standards, especially, since our town adopted them BEFORE they were changed.	10/9/2018 12:07 PM
29	Is this trying to increase the amount of vegetation along the shore?	10/9/2018 9:08 AM
30	Agree!	10/9/2018 8:00 AM
31	This would have a very positive effect on adjacent waters. People are not educated about such things.	10/9/2018 5:26 AM
32	Shoreline owners are not aware of there responsibility to maintain a hearty vegetative boarder to protect the water body from polluted runoff. More literature explaining the responsibility of shoreline property owners so they adhere to the shoreline protection laws.	10/8/2018 1:12 PM
33	Again, I would need much more information about this proposal before I could say that I support it. I have not seen ANY details about the proposed changes to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.	10/8/2018 7:58 AM
34	New Hampshire has had times in its past when 85% of our state was cleared land, to fight over the last 250 feet around water bodies while not working on the non-point issues extending to height of land around the waterbody, leaves only shoreline owners fighting a problem they can not win. Agriculture, livestock, construction, land clearing, lawn care, road maintenance, need as much or MORE attention.	10/7/2018 6:52 AM
35	The water quality of our lakes is dependent on it. We cannot control the rainfall or temperatures or water depth, but we can control the amount of phosphorus that goes into our lakes, rivers and streams.	10/6/2018 9:19 PM

36	I feel this verbiage is 'too loose', vague and non-precise. Just look at the morass developing as DES attempts to re-write it permitting procedures.	10/6/2018 7:53 PM
37	Existing reports support the benefits of vegetative buffers for wetlands around the state in mitigating impacts and minimizing pollution. The same should apply - best to be proactive on a large scale to protect the lakes and waterbodies of our state that not only bring in revenue from tourism but also protect our natural habitats. This is cyclical right? Protect the habitat, protect the animals, provide them opportunities for survival, brings in dollars for hunting, which helps with population control, and waterbodies that are not closed down due to pollution, brings in tourism dollars as well. Those tourism dollars should be in part, put toward compliance and keeping the waterbodies healthy and whole to support the cycle all over again. In the case of drinking water impacts, this is on a different level and should be much more strict - look at what's happening in Merrimack with Saint-Gobain. If this survey seeks to address these issues it should be identified separately and dealt with on a larger scale,.	10/6/2018 6:24 PM
38	Keep the Lake Kanasatka development under control.	10/6/2018 5:58 PM
39	One way to influence this is through tax evaluation policy. We know what buyers are looking for and developers want to give them. Lets tax bad behavior or development which most effects water quality, like lawns (by the square foot), impervious cover, lac of trees or vegetation, etc.	10/6/2018 5:41 PM
40	I think education could go a long way to helping landowners understand the importance of protecting water bodies from runoff. Most people want to do the right thing, but they might not know what the right thing is.	10/6/2018 4:38 PM
41	extremely important	10/6/2018 2:12 PM
42	If the focus is to prevent homeowners from altering their shoreline to plant lawn, etc. then I agree we should legislate homeowners risking the water quality to improve their yard--causing runoff	10/6/2018 1:04 PM
43	Environmental regulations have exploded in number in recent years. How about just enforcing current regulations?	10/6/2018 11:48 AM
44	On Lake Winnepesaukee I see a great deal of landscaping to the wayer's edge - meaning lawns. We need more native plants along the edge.	10/6/2018 11:11 AM
45	I support this but please pardon my french it would be like pissing in the wind. What really needs to happen first is to have DES enforce the current laws which they really do not. Cutting trees outside the required formula, cutting waterside vegetation and laying sand down happen all the time	10/6/2018 10:08 AM
46	Changing any DES rules is useless unless they gain better enforcement. The rules already in place are not being enforced	10/6/2018 9:58 AM
47	Our lake has been severely impacted by clear cutting to the shoreline, 8 x 250 foot lots. It is made even worse because it is also on severely sloping terrain. Where is our protection to our lake?	10/6/2018 9:02 AM
48	There is such a difference between New England lakes with healthy vegetative buffers and those that look like endless suburban lawns. And once the standards go the wrong way, it is very difficult - really impossible - to recover them later.	10/6/2018 8:09 AM
49	I would need more information about what you are talking about before forming an opinion. I do think that there is a LOT of non-compliance and a lack of enforcement. I was personally impacted by a gross and blatant violation by a neighbor that destroyed by septic system and cost me \$20K+ Clear cut 1/2 acre w/in the zone, brought in tons of fill destroying wetlands and causing flooding impacting me and my neighbors.) The state DES and AG office essentially let him get away with it. I was and am furious about it. And, another neighbor - on a different lake - just cut down a tremendous number of trees (with no permit - at least not posted) to improve their view. NOTHING was done about it. We need to focus on enforcement of the laws that now exist.	10/6/2018 7:54 AM
50	Properties with perfectly groomed grass right up to the water edge makes one wonder what chemical is making it grow so well in soil that is mostly sand by nature.	10/6/2018 7:44 AM
51	I was on the Meredith Conservation Commission a long time ago and at the same time worked in landscape construction on properties bordering Winnepesaukee and Squam. Education, a caring attitude toward natural environments, and rule enforcement is the only way to help riparian habitats.	10/6/2018 7:43 AM
52	Already have done enough here. However, there is a serious lack of enforcement resources allowing widespread undetected violations.	10/6/2018 7:36 AM

53	I feel that the Shoreland Protection Act has been weakened in this area over the years. Many people that I speak with are under the impression that the law is much stronger than it actually is. The shorelines are getting very built up with conversion of cottages to homes, and this is resulting in the cutting of many buffer trees.	10/6/2018 7:13 AM
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Q5 On a scale of 1 (most important) to 4 (least important) please prioritize the level of importance of the legislative priorities listed below.

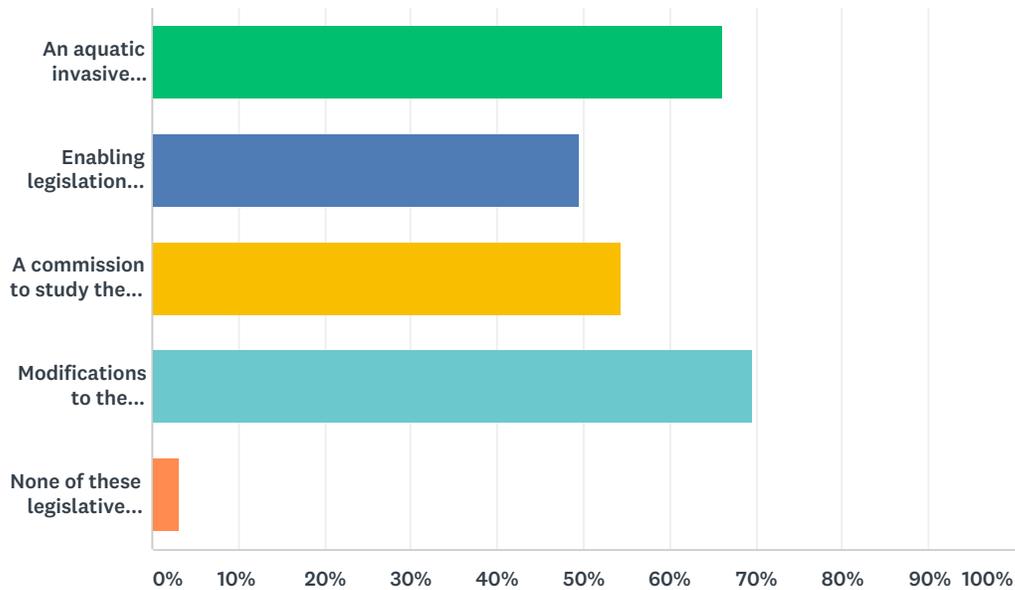
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	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
An aquatic invasive species (AIS) sticker program for New Hampshire similar to the "Preserve Maine Waters" sticker program in Maine designed to increase funding for the prevention and management of AIS in New Hampshire. .	34.51% 88	26.67% 68	18.43% 47	20.39% 52	255	2.75
Enabling legislation that would allow public boat access facility owners (such as state agencies and municipalities) to require that boaters utilize the technology made available to them at these areas (e.g. garden hose, cleaning tools, decontamination unit) for the purposes of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.	23.14% 59	29.80% 76	28.63% 73	18.43% 47	255	2.58
A commission to study the effects of wake boats on the spread of aquatic invasive species, the safety of swimmers and other boaters, and on shoreline erosion.	13.33% 34	17.25% 44	32.94% 84	36.47% 93	255	2.07
Modifications to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act to improve the vegetative standards and the corresponding functionality of woodland buffers to mitigate polluted runoff from entering adjacent waters.	29.02% 74	26.27% 67	20.00% 51	24.71% 63	255	2.60

Q6 Please select any of the legislative priorities that would help address problems you face at your lake/pond.

Answered: 248 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
An aquatic invasive species (AIS) sticker program for New Hampshire similar to the "Preserve Maine Waters" sticker program in Maine designed to increase funding for the prevention and management of AIS in New Hampshire.	66.13% 164
Enabling legislation that would allow public boat access facility owners (such as state agencies and municipalities) to require that boaters utilize the technology made available to them at these areas (e.g. garden hose, cleaning tools, decontamination unit) for the purposes of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.	49.60% 123
A commission to study the effects of wake boats on the spread of aquatic invasive species, the safety of swimmers and other boaters, and on shoreline erosion.	54.44% 135
Modifications to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act to improve the vegetative standards and the corresponding functionality of woodland buffers to mitigate polluted runoff from entering adjacent waters.	69.76% 173
None of these legislative priorities would address a problem at my lake/pond.	3.23% 8
Total Respondents: 248	

Q7 Are there any other lake and/or watershed issues that you think NH LAKES should address through the state legislature?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 122

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	People accessing lakes through shore lines that are not public access. They are trampling vegetation and making run off issues.	11/20/2018 8:37 AM
2	I don't know.	11/19/2018 8:52 AM
3	Let's force the state to enforce the laws regarding access facilities and make sure the facilities limit access to a predetermined carrying capacity of the body of water. We spent a lot of money doing an environmental impact study to determine our lake access facility should allow for 13 boats at any given time. Parking was limited to 13 boats and boaters are turned away when the lot is full. Unfortunately, boaters are allowed to drop their boats and then park on the road, side street or town beach parking area. Lake host tell me we see more like 60 to 80 boats a day on weekends. That's a lot for a 480 acre lake. We should develop a ticket system that hands out 13 tickets to allow access. When they are handed out, no one can use the ramp unless you can prove residence on the lake.	11/18/2018 11:41 PM
4	NH Fish and Game should be responsible for the spread of invasive species and erosion caused by their boat launches. They should be required to educate and enforce regs on the public.	11/18/2018 8:50 PM
5	Increase fees for non lake residence boaters	11/18/2018 4:50 PM
6	Limited motor boat speed and jet ski time of day/noise pollution.	11/18/2018 4:19 PM
7	Convince the members of the legislative committees that study the issues that deal with lake problems to be more informed and more reactive to the need for more restrictive legislation so that our lakes will be protected and continue to be enjoyed.....we have the impression that most if not all members are ill informed about critical lake issues and seem to vote without fully understanding the consequences of relaxed rules.....	11/18/2018 3:35 PM
8	North wood Lake	11/18/2018 3:14 PM
9	No	11/18/2018 2:55 PM
10	Environmental permits. Have a general permit for Lake Associations doing projects near shoreland or tributaries. Time and expense slows down the effort.	11/18/2018 2:47 PM
11	Salt and pollution runoff from roads	11/18/2018 2:26 PM
12	No	11/18/2018 1:50 PM
13	Work to increase state funding for lake monitoring and enforcement of water quality regulations.	11/18/2018 1:12 PM
14	Not sure	11/17/2018 11:58 PM
15	The issue of boats entering smaller lakes that have no way to monitor the cleanliness of the boats	11/17/2018 4:17 PM
16	Something should be done about the Canada Geese	11/17/2018 4:02 PM
17	The pollution (fish food and excrement) that fish hatcheries release into the water (Powder Mill Hatchery in particular).	11/17/2018 9:14 AM
18	no	11/13/2018 8:49 AM
19	no	11/13/2018 12:40 AM
20	Some how work to increase enforcement of rules on safe power boat use on lakes that have a large [and growing} population of kayakers and canoes	11/12/2018 4:21 PM
21	Support real time cyanobacteria toxicity testing at the state. This would require additional funds for the limnology section at DES.	11/12/2018 9:51 AM

22	Yes. 1. A 2 percent tax on each boat sold that would provide funding for local water quality efforts. 2 Boat registration fees are split between the state and local municipality where they are sold. 3. On the big lakes, reduce boat traffic by only allowing a boat on the water on alternate days. 4. A ban on all permanent structures placed in public waters. 5. A ban on dug in boat basins.	11/12/2018 6:38 AM
23	Impact of warming on lakes & streams	11/11/2018 4:22 PM
24	PROHIBIT USE OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS ANYWHERE NEAR WATER.	11/11/2018 2:45 PM
25	No	11/11/2018 2:21 PM
26	None at this time.	11/10/2018 8:29 PM
27	Lack of municipal support and accountability. Our pond is in 2 Towns, 1 has 3 recreational water bodies, they are very supportive. The other Town has 1 and does not support the prevention efforts.	11/10/2018 7:28 PM
28	Shoreline zoning, education re: healthy and code-meeting septic systems, the dangers of lakeside lawns, and an end to the fallacy that my lake is my playground	11/10/2018 7:07 PM
29	Fireworks guidelines — ideally prohibiting fireworks over and nearby NH waterbodies.	11/10/2018 5:53 PM
30	Not now	11/10/2018 3:12 PM
31	No	11/10/2018 1:05 PM
32	1. Legislate controls for jet ski operation 2. Increase the presence of State Lake Patrol officers on as many lakes as possible	11/10/2018 10:15 AM
33	Steep slopes in the watershed, use of salt on roads in the watershed, fireworks	11/10/2018 9:07 AM
34	Not at this time.	11/10/2018 9:01 AM
35	Unsure	11/10/2018 8:53 AM
36	In conjunction with these activities, one of the most important aspects to studying lakes is monitoring, over long periods of time beyond VLAP, things like AIS, shoreline erosion, etc. In addition, many people cannot "read"the VLAP reports so I think greater effort to "translate the science" for the pubic and lake communities is key. This is something we are working on at Pleasant Lake.	11/10/2018 8:40 AM
37	Increasing penalties for those who violate the Shoreland protection requirements.	11/10/2018 8:19 AM
38	Help change the black top spar buoys to a more visible color for night time boating use.	11/10/2018 8:02 AM
39	Stand mooring practices for lake bodies that have public access ramps.	11/10/2018 7:49 AM
40	Bass fishing tournaments	11/10/2018 7:24 AM
41	How come we have such poisonous algae problems now and we didn't use to have the same problem very often years ago? I understand it is from fertilizer run off from surrounding yards so why isn't there some kind of regulation limiting that?	11/10/2018 7:02 AM
42	Road salt legislation to require low salt designation for all roads that surround lakes. High chloride levels have dramatically increased in our lakes and streams due to road Salt runoff.	11/10/2018 6:56 AM
43	Can lead sinker usage be made even more restrictive?	11/10/2018 6:47 AM
44	Air rain pollution. And effects on pH aquatic life	11/10/2018 6:39 AM
45	Better signage about AIS such as on major highways entering NH. Other states have big billboards and just make the issue much more obvious.	11/6/2018 9:32 AM
46	Crystal Lake has an Advisory issued because of mercury contamination of the water. Continued testing of this and other state lakes is important to identify and abate such problems.	11/1/2018 6:35 PM
47	Yes - we need a state official with responsibility for non-plant species. Think an Amy Smgoulas with actual authority for animals. On my wish list also is restructuring Fish and Game, so that it is accountable and not just a cabal of old boys.	10/29/2018 10:35 AM
48	no	10/27/2018 1:43 PM
49	no	10/24/2018 7:51 AM
50	Increase funding for AIS work.	10/20/2018 8:10 PM

51	Kezar Lake Protective Association recently received a report from the DES on increased conductivity measures in the lake due to road salt usage. I don't know if this can be addressed through the legislature or not. I suggested to our road agent he attend the UNH workshop and asked how we address neighboring towns' salt use as well as the State's. I89 and New London contribute to the salt treatment on roads in our watershed.	10/19/2018 5:24 PM
52	helping people update septic systems . State testing to determine the impact on failing/failed systems	10/19/2018 11:46 AM
53	No	10/16/2018 10:40 AM
54	N/A	10/16/2018 8:57 AM
55	The difficulty of a shoreline owner to navigate the State regulations to deal with erosion. Not all can afford legal/professional assistance in trying to figure out their options.	10/15/2018 12:32 PM
56	Our biggest problem is with developers not respecting buffer requirements and the existing requirements not being protective enough. Would also be interesting to identify the connectivity of lakes to drinking water wells and septic management given that camps and cottages are so old. I work for River Network (national NGO that has worked for years with NHRivers Council) and I focus on Clean Water Act and other state water policies. Since I have a vested interest in Upper Suncook Lake, I would be happy to lend a hand with your priorities if you could use it. You have been working with our neighbors and long-time family friends on some egregious violations this summer. Thanks for your work!	10/14/2018 11:12 AM
57	MA	10/13/2018 8:32 PM
58	You've got the issues covered pretty well.	10/13/2018 6:31 PM
59	Can't think of any at the moment.	10/13/2018 3:06 PM
60	General fund financing of AIS management.	10/13/2018 11:03 AM
61	possible spread of AIS via fire depts. practice of flushing lakeside fire hydrants. inadvertent carrying of AIS in the pump trucks from one contaminated water body to a "clean" water body?	10/13/2018 10:26 AM
62	Storm water runoff and corresponding pollution.	10/13/2018 9:44 AM
63	Not sure	10/12/2018 2:03 PM
64	NH lakes does a great job addressing any issues that have been noted.	10/12/2018 9:50 AM
65	No	10/11/2018 6:04 AM
66	Chemical pollutants should be reiterated and highlighted. I have seen people filling boats from personal gas containers. Grass fertilizers are used without consideration to lake contamination. Stormwater entry directly into the lake needs to be studied.	10/10/2018 8:29 AM
67	Yes - requiring septic system upgrades when a property changes hands. Failing/substandard waste disposal systems have a direct impact on our lakes.	10/9/2018 3:50 PM
68	Road runoff	10/9/2018 9:08 AM
69	Support state budgets of DES, MP, F&G	10/9/2018 8:21 AM
70	you guys are doing a great job! Keep up the pressure to preserve our precious lakes!!	10/9/2018 8:00 AM
71	What is the status of cyanobacteria in NH LAKES?	10/9/2018 5:26 AM
72	Stress the importance of the Lake WATERSHED in the quality of the Lake !!	10/8/2018 9:08 PM
73	DES has failed to respond to proven cases of contamination of Squam Lake, and legislative pressure on the agency is badly needed.	10/8/2018 8:09 PM
74	no	10/8/2018 6:27 PM
75	Nothing else at this time	10/8/2018 1:12 PM
76	No	10/8/2018 10:06 AM
77	More funding for lake management studies and management plan implementation. Eutrophication is still a serious threat - it isn't all about invasive species	10/8/2018 8:03 AM
78	No	10/8/2018 7:58 AM
79	Protection of watersheds and adjoining lands for our lakes/ponds	10/7/2018 8:15 PM

80	No	10/7/2018 7:58 PM
81	More funding for marine patrol	10/7/2018 10:08 AM
82	runoff from horse or cow manure	10/7/2018 7:20 AM
83	Require septic system inspection to pass rigid inspection upon sale or home improvement. Require all cesspools be immediately replaced with a septic system.	10/7/2018 7:01 AM
84	More money to Marine Patrol for law enforcement..	10/7/2018 6:57 AM
85	Non point pollution restrictions to control runoff pollution.	10/7/2018 6:52 AM
86	Those seem like a good amount for one year!	10/6/2018 9:56 PM
87	Jet ski/personal watercraft regulation and ENFORCEMENT where RSAs prohibit such watercraft.	10/6/2018 9:49 PM
88	The responsibility of the state to adhere to standards around silt-fencing, sleeves and other ways to control runoff when construction is taking place.	10/6/2018 9:19 PM
89	Moorings. Only 6 NH lakes require mooring permits. Enabling anyone to put in a mooring without permit increases boat traffic on small lakes and jeopardizes safety of other boaters. I have seen on our lake, Halmoon, as many as 6 unregistered moorings off one lot.	10/6/2018 8:50 PM
90	like what?	10/6/2018 8:09 PM
91	Great start. We should have a data-based statistical analysis function readily available to our membership, as we interact at our local levels with the local interested groups and local government. An example is the Lake Host data.	10/6/2018 7:53 PM
92	reduced highway salt /sand within a certain distance from water bodies. This seems to be in effect at water bodies but should be at all	10/6/2018 6:54 PM
93	Given the level of tourism around our lakes, NH LAKES should be cognizant of the impacts from tourism and see what can be creatively implemented such that the money realized from tourism is put towards the protection and preservation of our lakes and their surrounding lands.	10/6/2018 6:24 PM
94	Allow local communities to regulate septic issues.	10/6/2018 5:41 PM
95	Can't think of anything.	10/6/2018 4:38 PM
96	Watershed impacts	10/6/2018 4:32 PM
97	Keep up he good work.	10/6/2018 3:11 PM
98	Change the black top buoys to something that could be more easily seen at night	10/6/2018 1:04 PM
99	Balancing keeping waters open to the public and limiting access to at risk ponds by designating them roof top only ramps. Every body of water is at risk of getting an AIS, but not every lake/pond is at risk for a bank to bank infestation and eliminating the body of water forever. Not allowing a consideration for individual cases seems self destructive.	10/6/2018 1:04 PM
100	no	10/6/2018 12:33 PM
101	Tighter state and municipal standards for permitting developers to build new homes close to shores and wetlands!	10/6/2018 12:26 PM
102	Any that will REDUCE the number of regulations that are weighing on our ability to enjoy freedom in NH.	10/6/2018 11:48 AM
103	educating summer residents who don't belong to a local lake association or NHLA	10/6/2018 11:47 AM
104	no	10/6/2018 11:39 AM
105	Navigation issues due to all species of millfoil and vegetation	10/6/2018 11:28 AM
106	Control the length of docks.	10/6/2018 11:11 AM
107	stormwater management (including long term maintenance) and compliance with buffer regs	10/6/2018 10:23 AM
108	Having the State require boat inspections before entering any waterbody and funding these programs.	10/6/2018 10:18 AM
109	VT	10/6/2018 10:11 AM
110	I would love to see the current law changed to allow under the same conditions now in law to ban jet skis that now classified as boats	10/6/2018 10:08 AM

111	no	10/6/2018 9:45 AM
112	We have a problem with boaters, particularly on party boats, using our lakeshore property for a "bathroom". Unless we are there watching all the time we have no way to prevent it.	10/6/2018 9:22 AM
113	The work on roads surrounding lakes. Roads are repaired or tarred without thinking about run off. There are no standards so unqualified road agents just work on these roads without proper engineering,	10/6/2018 9:15 AM
114	Stronger shoreline protection acts and pouring money into clearing out invasive species like milfoil	10/6/2018 9:02 AM
115	No	10/6/2018 8:57 AM
116	I've fishermen cleaning up their garbage.	10/6/2018 8:55 AM
117	Outlaw exploding fireworks in lakes. Fireworks contain harmful chemicals and they cannot be cleaned out of lakes. Fireworks can be done on land and cleaned out. A second request is testing of lakes by the state.	10/6/2018 8:53 AM
118	A statewide ban on the use of fertilizers within a certain distance of the shoreline (perhaps 200').	10/6/2018 8:46 AM
119	I am a VT resident and did not answer question #6, #7, #8	10/6/2018 8:37 AM
120	Broader definition of personal watercraft and their limitations	10/6/2018 8:25 AM
121	Milfoil problems	10/6/2018 8:13 AM
122	Do not allow dock and setback and shorefront structure regulations to be weakened!!!	10/6/2018 8:09 AM
123	See comments above	10/6/2018 7:54 AM
124	Size of motors allowed in relation to the size of the body of water.	10/6/2018 7:44 AM
125	No	10/6/2018 7:43 AM
126	Education related to wildlife such as turtles & beaver.	10/6/2018 7:43 AM
127	the ability for local land owners to have limited speed limit and police monitoring imposed in coves or areas where high speed boating occurs frequently and is often abused causing safety issues and noise/water pollution.	10/6/2018 7:38 AM
128	Yes, do Lake Hosts need to have some level of enforcement capability?	10/6/2018 7:36 AM
129	Concerned about runoff, faulty septic systems close to lakes and ponds	10/6/2018 7:31 AM
130	use of road salt	10/6/2018 7:29 AM
131	Laws that limit the speed and types of boats allowed on smaller lakes. Safe times for swimmers on lakes	10/6/2018 7:16 AM
132	High priority: The Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act or rules should be amended so that you cannot extend your property laterally (roughly parallel to shore) where you are non-compliant with the 50 foot setback. Again, this is one area where I think that most NH lake property owners feel that the rule is stricter than it is, and many feel that it should be stricter so as to be more protective.	10/6/2018 7:13 AM
133	Reduce need to mitigate runoff by requiring towns to address runoff created by street maintenance, not allow towns to require runoff direct to lake over private property without filtering or addressing erosion created by runoff	10/6/2018 7:11 AM