



# The State of Lake Advocacy in New Hampshire

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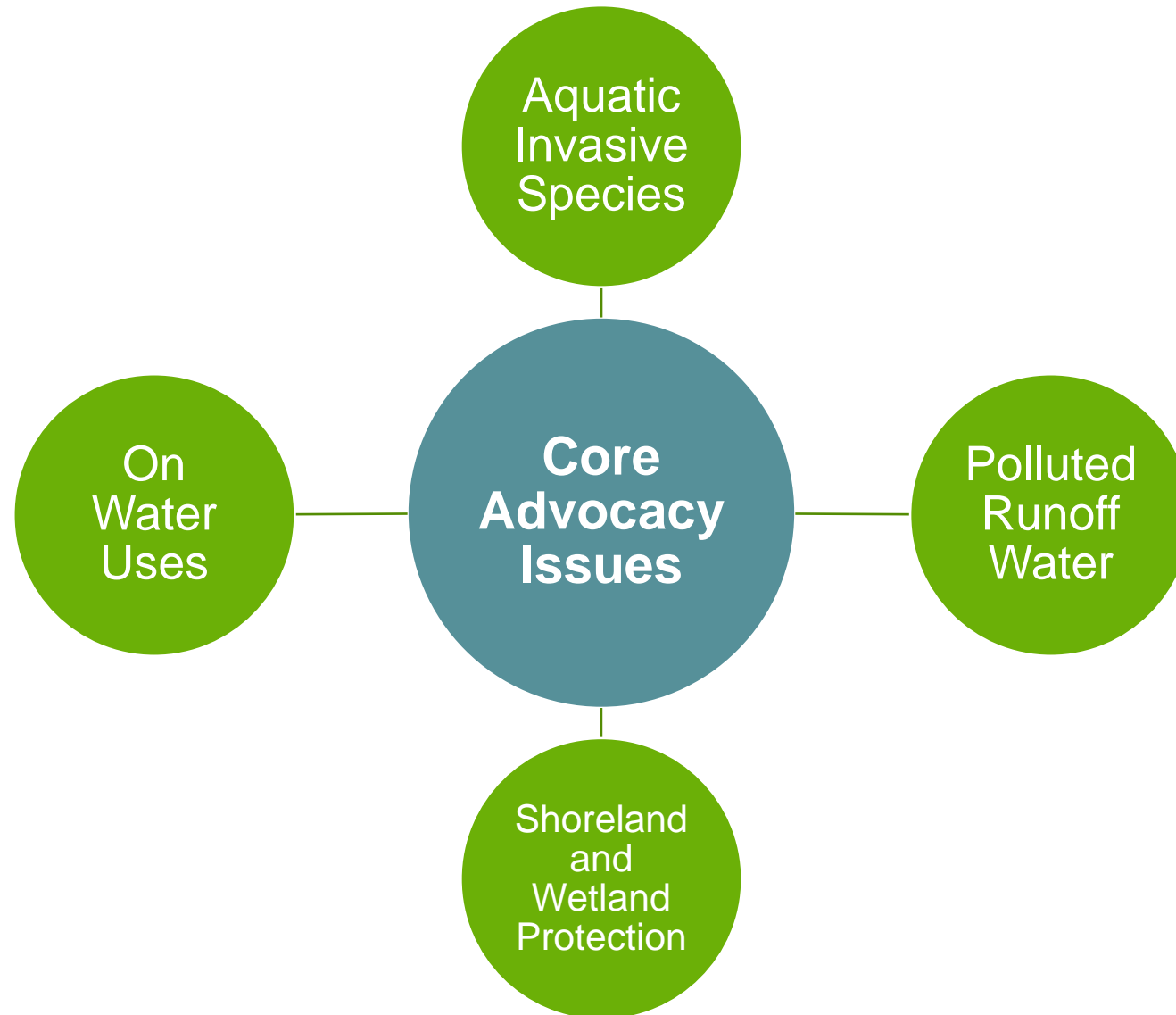
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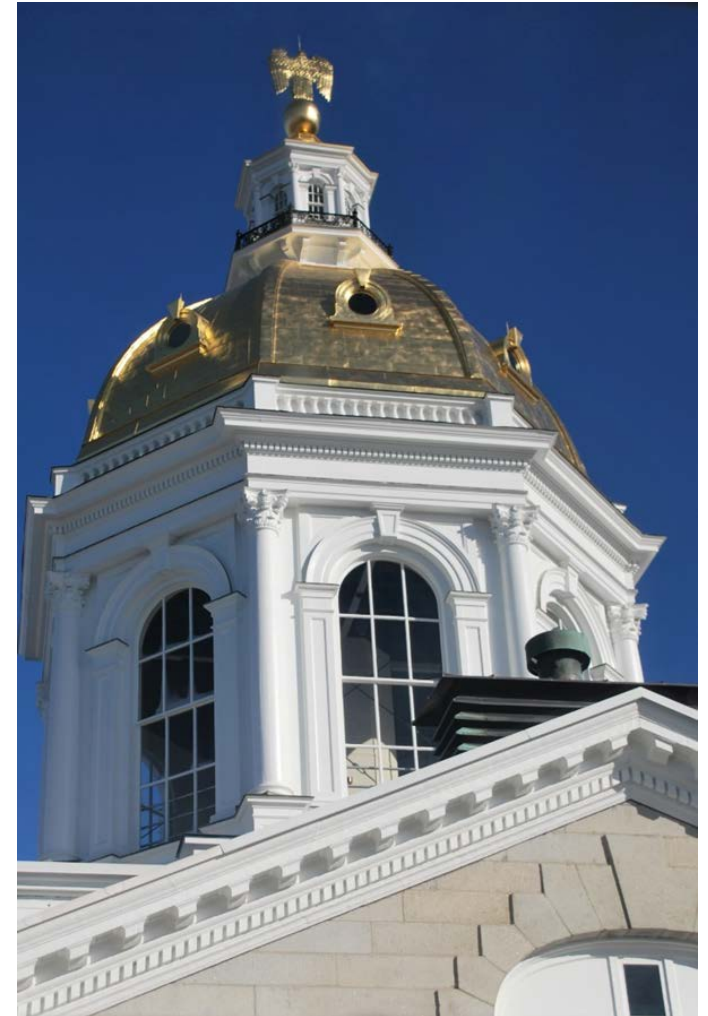
**Agenda**





## Advocacy Goals:

- Help inform our priorities by surveying our members and friends
- Preventing and managing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS)
- Protecting and improving water quality
- Adapting to changes in temperature and regional precipitation patterns to protect lake quality







## How does NH LAKES Participate?

- We monitor the science and trends regarding lake threats and water quality.
- We provide decision makers with educational information.





## How does NH LAKES participate?

- Lobby at the state level:  
In front of the legislature or governor for the passage of a specific bill
- Lobby at the local level:  
Working with our local partners to help them to organize and advocate effectively at the local level





## At the State House, NH LAKES:

- Builds relationships with legislators and their staff
- Provides educational materials to legislators
- Testifies on bills
- Participates on commissions, committees and councils
- Develops legislation to protect our lakes





# Committees, Commissions & Councils:

Water Council

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee

Water Quality Standards Advisory Committee

Public Water Access Advisory Board







## Beyond the State House NH LAKES:

- Partners with state agencies to execute programs to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species
- Develops partnerships with other non-profit groups
- Participates in state agency administrative rulemaking





## Local Advocacy:

- Enacting a lake-friendly ordinance is a great way to ensure your lake or pond is well protected.
- NH LAKES can help you pursue a lake-friendly ordinance in your town or city. We supply:
  - Research assistance
  - Model ordinances
  - Advice on policy and town government







# 2019 Legislative Summary







## Aquatic Invasive Species:

- HB107
  - Originally, \$10 million for AIS prevention & management
- HB325
  - If a public boat access owner installs an AIS prevention technologies, visitors must use it
- HB625
  - Out of state boats must purchase a \$20 decal
  - Funding to AIS prevention & management
  - Education opportunity







## On Water Uses:



HB137, relative to a wake boat study commission to investigate impacts to shoreline erosion, AIS transport, and more



## Polluted Runoff Water:



HB475, relative to a shoreland septic system study commission





## Shoreland and Wetland Protection:

- HB668, relative to heating, agitating or other devices in public waters
- HB682, establishing a water resources fund in the department of environmental services and charging certain application and permit fees
- HB645, establishing a dock registration procedure





## Shoreland and Wetland Protection:

- HB326, relative to the definition of a prime wetland
- HB542, establishing a grant program to support municipalities in updating their wetlands regulations
- HB543, relating to the protection of wetlands







## Get Involved!

Making an impact through lobbying on local and state policy is something all non-profit conservation groups should consider.

NH LAKES was formed 27 years ago with this very intent in mind – to influence statewide legislation and policy designed to keep the lakes of New Hampshire clean and healthy.

Today, NH LAKES and its local partners play an essential role influencing legislation and public policy through education and advocacy.



# Questions?

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