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Lakes Management and Protection Program



With the passage of [RSA 483-A](#) in 1990, the General Court established the New Hampshire Lakes Management and Protection Program (LMPP) to be administered within the Department of Environmental Services. According to the law, "it is the intent of the legislature that the New Hampshire Lakes Management and Protection Program shall complement and reinforce existing state and federal water quality laws. It is also the intent of the legislature that, through said program, the scenic beauty and recreational potential of lakes shall be maintained or enhanced, that wildlife habitat shall be protected, that opportunity for public enjoyment of lakes uses be ensured, and that littoral interests shall be respected." [more...](#)

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