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Dear Mr. Ives:

Please accept these comments on the Lamprey River Management Plan. The mission of the New Hampshire Lakes Association, a 501c(3) member supported organization representing approximately 1,4000 individuals and 150 lake association (and their combined approximately 26,000 members), is to protect New Hampshire's lakes and their watersheds.

We support studies and policies rooted in sound-science while working with stakeholder groups implementing protection projects and developing management plans that improve the quality and enjoyment of New Hampshire's lakes, while also balancing drinking water supply needs and requirements for native organisms and habitat. We appreciate the efforts that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has gone through to develop the Lamprey River Watershed Management Plan.

We recommend that additional study be conducted to assess the impact that drawdown during the summer and higher water levels during the winter would have on the quality, enjoyment, and economic value of Pawtuckaway Lake and Mendums Pond. For example, could drawdown during the summer cause boat ramps on these waterbodies to become unusable? Could higher water levels during the winter cause property damage to shoreline structures? What would the effect of lower water level during the summer have on water quality, benthic organisms, and boating safety? Could lower summer water levels contribute to increased cyanobacteria blooms or reduced dissolved oxygen concentrations in Pawtuckaway Lake?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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