

**Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee**  
**“Unofficial” Meeting of 16 September 2013, 10:00 AM**  
**Summary Minutes of Proceedings**

Members present: Rep. Rose Marie Rogers; Public Members Bob Reynolds (Clerk) and Tom O'Brien (sitting in for Andrea LaMoreaux)

NHDES Representative: Amy Smagula (Exotic Species Program)

Guests present: Rep. Shannon Chandley (Chair of House Resources, Recreation & Development Committee), Rep. Suzanne Gottling (member of House RR&D Committee), and Joel Anderson (House Committee Research Staff)

In the absence of a quorum and the Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Rep. Rogers called the unofficial meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

It was noted that the minutes from the August 27 meeting contained a spelling error on page 3 – June Fictor's name will be corrected.

Mr. Reynolds was scheduled to make a presentation on an annual survey of expenditures for milfoil control activities statewide, but the members recommended that this be rescheduled for the next meeting when more committee members will be present.

Reps. Chandley and Gottling discussed ongoing work on HB292 to establish an invasives “sticker” for boats registered out-of-state that use NH water bodies. The next meeting of the subcommittee studying HB292 is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM EDT in LOB Room 305. Rep. Chandley requested that the EAWSC communicate more frequently with the RR&DC on issues of mutual interest. It was noted that Rep. Schroadter is a member of both committees.

Mr. Anderson updated the status of HB411 to repeal the sunset provision regarding certain increases in boat registration fees that took effect in 2009. This bill was passed and signed by the Governor. It was noted that the increase to the invasives program funding, from \$5.00 to \$7.50, from the 2009 legislation was not subject to the sunset provision.

A spirited discussion ensued regarding the tasks and objectives of the EAWSC. In general, there was agreement that the EAWSC should conduct outreach efforts to collect and compile information and serve as a clearinghouse for ideas on invasives, and to recommend a comprehensive solution to the related set of problems. Mr. O'Brien suggested that we compare the approaches used by other states, especially those in Vermont and Maine, so that New Hampshire's approach would be "in sync" with theirs. Ms. Smagula mentioned that she is heavily involved in such comparison and coordination with regional approaches; much of this work is under the auspices of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the US Geological Survey. She recommended that members review information presented on the Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel website ([northeastans.org](http://northeastans.org)).

It was noted that the next meeting of the EAWS Committee will be on Monday, October 21 at 10:00 AM in LOB Room 307.

Rep. Rogers adjourned the unofficial meeting at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Reynolds, Clerk