



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

May 25, 2021

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 184

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 25th, 2021, I have vetoed House Bill 184, relative to the operation of personal water craft around the marshlands or flats of the Rye estuary and the New Castle back channel.

New Hampshire's waterways are the crown jewels of our state. As such, we strive to make sure every waterway is open and available for all to enjoy but also protected from unmitigated environmental harm. This bill would prohibit the operation of personal water craft, such as jet skis, within 300 feet of any marsh land or flat of the Rye estuary and the New Castle back channel.

This bill would create a barrier for public use to address what is a non-issue. The waterway that this bill seeks to "protect" does not experience high volumes of traffic from personal water craft. Shallow waterways can only be accessed by specific types of water craft and creating a limitation on who can gain access could have unintended consequences, especially to those recreationists that may need to access moorings in the harbor.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 184.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chit T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor