

**From:** MacLean, Alex  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2012 10:19 PM  
**To:** Mears, David  
**Subject:** Re: Revised Msg: Lake Shoreline Vegetation Proposal

David -

Just a heads up before tomorrows meeting - the governor doesn't want to proactively pursue this this year.

Thanks for all of the great work on this though and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2012, at 10:20 PM, "Mears, David" <[David.Mears@state.vt.us](mailto:David.Mears@state.vt.us)> wrote:

Alex: Please substitute this message for my prior one below. This has a cleaner version of the legislative proposal and also a separate document with a narrative explanation for why we think this would be an important step in terms of preventing future flood damage. David

David K. Mears, Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**From:** Mears, David  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2012 5:52 PM  
**To:** MacLean, Alex; Markowitz, Deb; Minter, Sue; Mackay, Noelle; Hollar, Jennifer; Miller, Lawrence; Campoli, Gina; Cole, Chris; Ross, Chuck; LaClair, Jolinda; Recchia, Chris; Johnson, Justin; Richards, Alyson  
**Subject:** Lakes and pond shoreland protection

Alex: Per our discussion Thursday, I have attached the latest version of legislative language relating to the concept of increasing DEC jurisdiction to require minimum vegetation for shoreland properties in order to reduce flood hazards. The main operative language is at the end. There would be two ways in which DEC would exercise this authority, as conditions on shoreland encroachment permits, or through vegetation management permits where a person proposes to disturb natural vegetation on the shoreline.

There is a hearing Wednesday morning in the House on lake flooding I think. I will ask my staff to keep this idea in the holster until and unless I give them a green light which will in turn depend upon the response from the folks on this message and the Governor's perspective. David

David K. Mears, Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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