

On 1/13/14, the **Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee (VTCAC) on the Future of Lake Champlain** adopted the following position statement regarding shorelands by majority vote with nine voting in favor and two opposed¹ (see below):

VTCAC Position Statement of Vermont Shorelands:

“Lakeshore condition is directly related to the overall health of all lakes, including Lake Champlain. The VTCAC supports integrated shoreland and riparian protection that fosters healthy aquatic communities, recreational opportunities and shoreline stability. The VTCAC recognizes that while shoreland protection alone is unlikely to significantly affect nutrient pollution in Lake Champlain, it is nonetheless essential to ensuring the health of Vermont lake systems.”

¹Those VTCAC Committee members in favor of the position included: James Ehlers, Julie Moore, Alex MacDonald, Paul Hansen, Denise Smith, Lori Fisher, Sen. Claire Ayer, Sen. Ginny Lyons, Rep. Kate Webb

Those VTCAC Committee members opposed to the position statement: Sheri Young and Eric Clifford

Those VTCAC Committee members absent from the vote on the position statement: Rep. Bob Krebs, Mark Naud

There is one open seat on the VTCAC, therefore thirteen members accounted for instead of the full fourteen members.