

## **S.49: An Act Relating to Improving the Quality of State Waters**

### **Questions for SNRE Draft 3.1**

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1. Sec. 1 Findings. Does SNRE want further changes to Findings or Purpose of Act?
2. Secs. 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14. Agricultural Fees; LFO; MFO; SFO; nonag. fertilizer; commercial feed; pesticides—Should agricultural water quality fees be retained, retained in part, amended, or removed?
3. Sec. 33. Stormwater. Rulemaking. Should the purpose of the rules be amended or expanded?
4. Sec. 33. Stormwater. Rulemaking. Should the requirements for technical standards or best management practices be amended to require standards for: high elevation stormwater; soil health, other?
5. Sec. 33. Stormwater. Legacy impervious surface stormwater permit. Should the requirements for the permit be clarified, including the schedule and time frames?
6. Sec. 33. Stormwater. Permit terms. What is the maximum permit term for a stormwater permit?
7. Sec. 33. Stormwater. Presumption. Is rebuttable presumption for a stormwater permittee necessary?
8. Sec. 38-49. Clean Water Fund; Clean Water Fund Board; Funding; Use of Fund
  - \* For what purposes should the Clean Water Fund be created?
  - \* What revenue, if any, should be deposited in the Fund—rooms, meals, gas, taxes? PTT surcharge? Per parcel fee?
  - \* How should the Fund be administered? By a State agency? What agency? By oversight Board.
  - \* What accountability or performance measures should be required for Fund—should there be a report to General Assembly? If so, how often and what should it address?
9. Sec. 47. ANR Report on Per Parcel Fee. Do you want an ANR report on per parcel fee?
10. Sec. 48. DEC Fees. Does SNRE want to retain DEC fee increases? If so, for what purpose?
11. Sec. 49. DEC Fees, removal of exemptions. Should the bill eliminate the exemptions for certain DEC fees for AOT, BGS, and municipalities?
12. Secs. 24, 52-55. Acceptable Management Practices. Regardless of whether AMPs are mandatory or not, should reference to AMPs in statutory exemptions for discharge permit, stormwater, or municipal zoning be amended?
13. Committee on Agriculture recommendations. How does SNRE want to incorporate the Committee on Agriculture's recommendations?
14. Appropriations. Should appropriations for AAFM and DEC staff be included in the bill.