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**Subject:** RE: H.928 amendments

Good afternoon.

I am writing to close the loop on my April 27 letter. Following that letter, I received written confirmation from Chair Watson that the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee will take no further action on the Use of Public Waters statute this session and that all previously scheduled legislative testimony on possible amendments to the Use of Public Waters Rules (UPWR) had been canceled. That commitment resolves the conflict I raised in my letter, and the Agency is prepared to participate in testimony before LCAR on the UPWR on May 14 as previously scheduled.

I also want to flag a larger timing concern related to the UPWR and the Wetlands Rules. At LCAR's May 7 meeting, members indicated they anticipated needing 2–3 additional weeks to take testimony on the Wetlands Rule. The Agency filed the final Wetlands Rules with the Secretary of State on April 4, 2026. Under 3 V.S.A. § 841, LCAR has 45 days from that filing to act, which means the review period expires on May 21. Given the timing of the summer construction season and the urgency of Vermont's housing needs, the Agency is not in a position to consent to an extension of that deadline.

With respect to the UPWR, with Memorial Day weekend marking the traditional start of the summer boating season timely final action on the UPWR equally important. Once LCAR concludes its review and the rules take effect, the Agency will need to provide public notice identifying which bodies of water are eligible for wake sports under the new framework. That notice is essential for boaters, lake communities, and law enforcement to understand the rules. Prompt final action by LCAR is needed to ensure the public will have clear guidance.

Agency leadership and staff are ready to provide whatever information and testimony LCAR needs to move both rules to conclusion efficiently.

Kind regards,  
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Good afternoon.

Please see the attached letter regarding possible amendments to H.928 and the steps the Agency plans to take to avoid potential conflict with the draft Use of Public Waters rule currently pending with LCAR. I know Commissioner Sinsigalli has been invited into the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee tomorrow to discuss the amendments and can speak further to these concerns.

Regards,  
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