



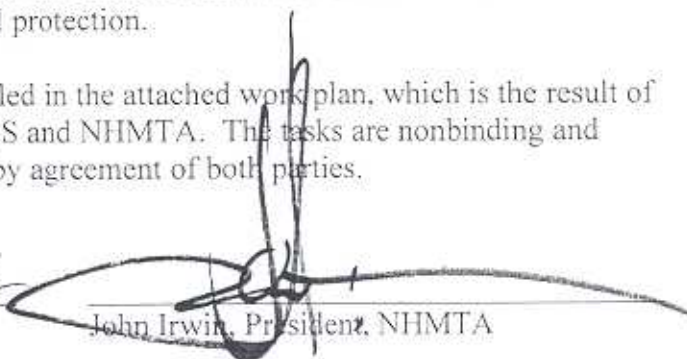
**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
and
NEW HAMPSHIRE MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association (NHMTA) share the common goal of protecting the state's waterbodies by implementing responsible environmental practices. DES was established in January 1987 under the provisions of Chapter 202, Laws of 1986 and brought together programs from four previously separate state agencies that had responsibility for such matters as water and air pollution control, water supply protection, dams and flood control, and waste disposal. Today, DES implements these and other programs through a variety of regulatory, compliance assistance and educational efforts. NHMTA promotes boating safety and awareness through education to help preserve the ecological harmony of New Hampshire's waterbodies to ensure everyone's enjoyment of boating and the long-term success of the boating industry in New Hampshire.

In the past, DES and NHMTA have worked cooperatively and in partnership on a wide range of matters, including the marina study resulting in the production of the *Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual for New Hampshire Marinas* in 1995 and its update in 2001, and the NH Clean Marine Engine Initiative in 2000. Based upon the successes of prior partnership and cooperative efforts and to bring greater recognition, effectiveness, structure, and efficiency to future partnership efforts, DES and NHMTA hereby enter into this Partnership Agreement. It is anticipated that this Partnership Agreement will result in enhanced communication between DES and NHMTA and improved environmental protection.

The specific areas of cooperation are detailed in the attached work plan, which is the result of discussions between representatives of DES and NHMTA. The tasks are nonbinding and voluntary, and can be revised at any time by agreement of both parties.


Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner, DES


John Irwin, President, NHMTA

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