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Re: HB5583 East Haddam lake drawdown

Dear Members of the Environment Committee:

For many years the water level of Bashan Lake has been lowered in the winter to reduce damage to lake walls that prevent erosion, and more recently to help with milfoil weed control. The State of Connecticut has just finished repairing the dam, which is part of that drawdown process.

We were therefore surprised to hear that the DEEP is now unwilling to lower the lake levels at any time, for all three of those reasons!

In particular, we are interested in preventing wall damage, as we are completing a major restoration of our lake wall which had partially collapsed because of 50 years of wave damage.

We take maintenance of the lake quality seriously and would hope the State of Connecticut and DEEP would do the same. The drawdown level and schedule has always been done in a cooperative and responsible manner between the state and local officials and Bashan Lake Association members. Passage of HB5583 would allow this to continue.

Sincerely,

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