

FOVLAP Legislative Priorities 2019-2020

FOVLAP Legislative Committee Member Survey

25 Feb 2019-15 Mar 2019

1. What do you see as FOVLAP's unfinished legislative advocacy business the legislative committee should attend to in 2019/2020?

- Answered: 13
- Skipped: 1

Property rights of lakefront property owners

Stressing the importance of supporting lake health in sustaining the image that Vermont lakes are desirable places to visit/own property

Lobby for more lake protection besides the focus always on Lake Champlain!

Clean water funding

Enforcement of AIS prevention

Continued emphasis on invasive species

Give lake associations more control over their lake water levels.

Invasive species prevention

Strengthen lake wise program, more seminars on timely topics

Limit the use of fossil fuel burning boats on VT lakes, especially 2 cycle engines

Additional funding for lake hosts

Enforcement

Water quality funding, AIS funding

2. What do you believe to be FOVLAP's "proactive" agenda, that is, items to achieve in the legislative/regulatory arena?

- Answered: 13
- Skipped: 1

Property rights of lakefront property owners

Better understanding of the potential effects of climate change on Vermont Lakes and mitigating associated risks.

Take our lake protection concerns and problems to statehouse

Informing legislators of FOVLAP's members' concerns

Clean water funding and distribution, lake safety and erosion prevention,

Invasive species prevention and loon protection.

Give lake associations more control over their lake water levels.

Require all access areas to lakes with invasive species to have a greeter program.

Wash down stations, erosion mitigation, enforcement, boat size and horsepower limits

Need dollars to support the regulation of existing laws

Support enforcement of the required agricultural practices

Get rid of the loopholes that defeat the shoreline regulation

Water quality funding, AIS funding

3. What regulatory items do you see as the greatest threat/opportunity?

- Answered: 13
- Skipped: 1

Too many restrictions on lakefront property owners' use of their properties

Mandating wash-down facilities at Vermont Lakes, prioritized by 'popularity' measured by logged boat launches.

Be more specific in question. Don't understand.

AIS funding using stickers could be a great opportunity

Threat: over-regulation of watershed protection. Opportunity: incentivization of watershed protection

Invasive species prevention and Loon protection.

Let's address the elephant in the room: regulate farm water runoff, municipal water runoff and inadequate municipal sewage treatment plants

Boat Wash station funding

Watershed and shoreline regulations

No comment

Weakening the Ag required practices

Getting proactive about invasive and agricultural run off

Water quality protection

4. What state budgetary threats are of concern to you?

- Answered: 12
- Skipped: 2

Excessive taxation

Cuts to Lakes and Ponds Program.

State budget is vast & changes, moving funds to deplete others especially water quality

Actions to limit funding for water quality

Reallocation of current dollars to clean water funding. Reduction in DEC grants

Funding for lake monitors

Because the legislature is not business friendly, the aging demographics in Vermont will result in the need to raise taxes and property taxes.

DEC agency funding

How distribute limited resources

Funding for water quality including invasive mediation

Oversized administration that never has the funding to do their job.

Loss of AIS support and grant funding

Invasive species prevention and Loon protection.

5. Which of the following traditional FOVLAP agenda items should the Legislative Committee focus on in 2019/2020:

- Answered: 13
- Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES--	RESPONSES--
–	23.08%
Watershed Protection	3
–	61.54%
Prevention/Control of Aquatic Invasive Species	8
–	15.38%
Water Quality	2

6. If you selected all three, do you believe they are our highest priority for 2019/2020?

- Answered: 12
- Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES--	RESPONSES--
–	83.33%
yes	10
–	16.67%
no	2
TOTAL	12

7. Are there any OTHER themes that rise to a high level of importance?

- Answered: 11
- Skipped: 3

Affordability of lakefront property for average Vermonters
 Better enforcement of boating regulations.
 Pesticides/chemicals leach and glyphosate poisons in use on properties near the shore Fish and Wildlife
 improve access areas
 Funding a wake boat study
 Clean water funding. Implementation of clean water funding
 Run off issues
 Giving more local control to lake associations over lake water levels.
 Recreational overuse
 No
 Climate Change
 ATV damages and trail expansion

8. What are you most concerned about pertaining to the future of your specific Vermont lake?

- Answered: 13
- Skipped: 1

Over regulation

Management of invasive Eurasian Milfoil

High taxes and too much community work to protect waters should have better state working

AIS threats

Approval of next generation herbicides.

Invasive species

Invasive plants, by far.

The spread of invasive species

Invasive species, rate of eutrophication

High speed craft, jet skis, wake boats, 2 cycle engines

Wakeboard boats on under 400 acre lakes and ponds

AIS threats

Morale

9. What are you most concerned about pertaining to the future of your Lake Association?

- Answered: 13
- Skipped: 1

Member apathy

The balance between individual freedom of boaters and the common good of a healthy lake.

We need a boat wash program and not enough existing access room

I believe that the future of Seymour Lake Association is secure both in personnel and funding