

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By All Members of the Senate,

S.R. 19. Senate resolution urging Congress to support a fiscal year 2011 federal appropriation for the Northeast Great Waters.

Whereas, the restoration and conservation of our nation's "great waters" ecosystems are both an economic and an environmental imperative, and

Whereas, Lake Champlain is recognized as a "great water" by the America's Great Waters Coalition, and

Whereas, Lake Champlain is also identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a "large aquatic ecosystem" in its "Geographic Areas" initiative, and

Whereas, a comprehensive plan to restore and conserve Lake Champlain has been in place for many years, and

Whereas, historical levels of federal funding have been insufficient to adequately address the many pressing restoration and conservation needs identified in the Lake Champlain plan, and

Whereas, the seven northeastern states have joined hands through an appeal by the Northeast Regional Ocean Council for a unified \$70 million 2011 appropriations request to advance implementation of restoration plans for the region's four "great waters" ecosystems, including Lake Champlain, Long Island Sound, the Gulf of Maine, and Narragansett Bay, and

Whereas, Lake Champlain would receive approximately \$10 million of the regional request, an opportunity that would complement and enhance the many great ongoing efforts, and

Whereas, governmental and nongovernmental organizations are working together with their counterparts in all the other northeastern states in support of the 2011 request, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont urges Congress to support a fiscal year 2011 federal appropriation for the Northeast Great Waters, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont congressional delegation.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED TO:

David A. Gibson
Secretary of the Senate

DATE: _____