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Stiles applauds Disaster Relief for NH Fisheries

Concord, NH- Senator Nancy Stiles (R-Hampton) today applauded Fiscal Committee approval of \$1.1 million in federal disaster relief that will soon be headed to New Hampshire fishermen. The funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will benefit local commercial fishermen hit hard by the declared disaster in the Northeast fisheries in 2012.

"This is just one of the unfortunate consequences of Governor Hassan's veto of the state budget," Stiles said. "That's why I urged the Fish and Game Department to bring this request to the Fiscal Committee, and I want to thank them for their swift approval."

HB 2, contained a provision authored by Stiles to authorize the release of \$1.1 million in NOAA funds to reimburse the New Hampshire fisheries industry for the 2012 disaster declaration, which dramatically reduced their ability to make a living on the water. Today's vote by the Fiscal Committee will allow the state Fish and Game Department to distribute the funds, despite Hassan's veto of HB 2. Governor and Council will meet in July for final approval before dispersal.

"New Hampshire's hard working fishing community has been waiting too long for these disaster relief funds," Stiles concluded. "Fortunately, they won't have to wait any longer."

[HB 2](#)

225 Federal Fisheries Disaster Relief Funds. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the sum of \$1,136,400 of federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is hereby appropriated to the fish and game department for the purpose of distributing federal fisheries disaster relief funds to northeast multispecies commercial harvesters impacted by the federal fisheries disaster declared by the secretary of commerce in 2012. Said appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2017.

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