Amendment to HB 1571

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1. Fish and Game Commission; Appointment of Commission. Amend RSA 206:2, I to read as follows:
   
   I. The commission shall consist of 11 members, each qualified pursuant to RSA 206:2-a, appointed by the governor and council. Whenever an appointment is to be made to the commission, the governor shall cause to be published the name of the nominee in a newspaper of statewide daily circulation. The nominee shall also be named at the monthly commission meeting immediately following the nomination and the nominee’s name shall be included in the minutes of that meeting. The council may not consent to an appointment under this section sooner than 30 days after the name of the nominee is submitted to the council.

2. Fish and Game Commission; Qualifications of Commissioners. Amend RSA 206:2-a, II to read as follows:
   
   II. Each member shall also be qualified in the following manner:

   (a) Well informed on the subject of fish and wildlife conservation and restoration;
   (b) Dedicated to the conservation and protection of the state’s fish and wildlife resources and of an environment conducive to the welfare of the same;
   (c) Committed to a fish and game program providing reasonable balance between research, habitat management and law enforcement;
   (d) An active outdoorsman holding a resident fishing, hunting, or trapping license in at least 5 of the 10 years preceding the appointment;
   (e) A personal record free of convictions of violation of fish and game laws and regulations of this state or any other jurisdiction within 5 years, preceding his appointment; and
   (f) At least 5 years’ experience in one or a combination of the following fields:

   (1) Fishing, hunting, or trapping, as demonstrated by holding a valid fishing, hunting, or trapping license.
   (2) Forestry.
   (3) Agriculture.
   (4) Management of wild lands.
   (5) Soils conservation.
   (6) Conservation of water resources.
   (7) Fish and game management or propagation.
[(7)] (8) Conservation engineering.

[(8)] (9) Conservation law.

[(9)] (10) Wildlife education.

[(10)] (11) Wildlife biology or ecology.

(12) Active membership in a conservation or sportsmen's organization in this state.

[(f)] (f) In the case of the coastal commission member, a general knowledge of all crustaceans and bivalves in coastal waters and salt water fishing in general.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.