



BACKCOUNTRY
HUNTERS & ANGLERS
NEW ENGLAND

Re: support for CACR15

February 2, 2026

Dear Chairman Spillane, Vice Chairman Ouellet, and members of the House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the New England Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA) in support of Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution 15 (CACR15) relating to the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game and fish, subject to restrictions existing in law.

BHA seeks to ensure North America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting. We support the North American Wildlife Conservation Model, which is based on the premise that wildlife is a public trust resource that should be scientifically managed and enjoyed by all Americans. Top priorities of our members include protecting and enhancing access and opportunity to public lands and waters and sound management of wildlife and wildlife habitats. We actively strive to be a voice for wildlife and to ensure America's public lands legacy.

New Hampshire's hunters and anglers have a long-standing commitment to wildlife management and conservation in the State. In addition, our permit and license fees provide a cornerstone of funding for conservation and habitat stewardship initiatives. Encoding the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game and fish into the State's constitution reinforces our commitment to conservation, science-based management, and public access to natural resources.

From a bigger perspective, every New Hampshire resident deserves the right to choose how we feed ourselves and this amendment provides one component to ensure that. Including wild fish and game in our diets allows hunters and anglers to know exactly where that meat comes from and how it's been harvested, processed, and packaged from field to freezer. This amendment offers New Hampshire residents the fundamental right and freedom of choice to supplement our diets with wild game, along with the invaluable peace of mind and pride that comes with harvesting our own food.



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On behalf of BHA's members in New Hampshire, we ask that you support CACR15. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for taking our comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

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