Besides the major policy initiatives VNRC followed closely, there was an important piece of legislation next year, one that has been overdue. VNRC feels that the time for minimum safeguards is long overdue, especially considering that other states have done in terms of shoreland protection, and sketch out how a bill like H.526 could be implemented.

In recent years, VNRC has been involved in the development of a shoreland protection around Vermont this summer to five public representatives from the House, Senate, and Agency of Natural Resources. VNRC expects to work this summer and next year on targeted changes to the bills.

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As always, please reply to this email with any questions or comments you may have about the legislative wrap-up for May 2013.