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Since 1900 the only industry in the town of Grand Lake Stream has been guiding and lodging sportsmen, and primarily guiding fishermen that come to the area camps and lodges to vacation. From 1977 to 1997 my wife and I owned the only store in Grand Lake Stream, The Pine Tree Store. During those 20 years I guided fisherman full time along with 20 or 30 other guides in town. We lived through the introduction of Alwives in the St. Croix watershed once and saw the resource that sustains a way of living diminish. No one still living who witnessed this during the 1980's, would want to see it happen again, especially if they make their living guiding on the inland waters of Washington County. I am definitely against the introduction of Alwives in the St. Croix watershed.

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