

Hello, my name is Mark Gray, and I am a member of the Grand Lake Stream Guides Association (GLSGA) and the Maine Professional Guides Association (MPGA). My physical residence is Hampden, Maine, but my heart and soul live in Grand Lake Stream (GLS). My family and I have been blessed with a small house in GLS since 2001. GLS is true Maine, 150 year-round residents living off the land, *the way life used to be*. GLS is also home to the Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT), formed and supported by GLSGA members, which is the most successful land trust in the USA, preserving upwards of 80,000 acres for traditional use.

GLSGA has decades' long history of stewarding the landlocked salmon (LLS) and smallmouth bass (SMB) fisheries of the St. Croix drainage with our local fisheries' biologists, several of whom are here to testify today. Most of our membership has traveled three to six hours one way to speak with you.

The GLSGA is not scared of the Obama regime, ocean lobby, green lobby, and Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, or any of the multitude of organizations that conspired to colonize our quality, sustainable inland sport fishery with sea-run alewives as a result of LD72. The GLSGA is only scared of the impending doom to this fishery if LD800 fails.

So I implore you to listen carefully and ask questions of us and send LD800 on to the legislative and executive branches for debate and approval. If LD800 fails, we will be right back. We have no choice.

Sincerely,

Mark Gray