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Kennebunk Pond Association  
LD 693

Dear members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

As president of the Kennebunk Pond Association, I'm representing 147 shorefront property owners, asking for your support for LD 693, a bill that would prohibit large wake-generating boats from within 500' of shore and in water less than 20' deep.

I am concerned that large wakes close to shore will\_\_\_\_\_ (share your greatest concern, such as damage your docks, flood your boats, pose a risk to young children, etc.)

I've seen how much fun one may have surfing the monster wakes created behind wake boats, having done that on Coeur d'Alene Lake in northern Idaho. But, allowing those boats to create monster wakes on our little Kennebunk Pond would be crazy!

Our membership has worked relentlessly for the past twenty years to reduce soil erosion into the pond, succeeding in getting Kennebunk Pond removed from the most threatened waterbodies list in Maine. We'd hate to see all that work "go down the drain", so to speak, with monster wakes creating a monstrous shoreline erosion problem.

Please vote to support LD 693 as a smart way to assure safe boating opportunities for everyone on our publicly owned Great Ponds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important bill.

Signed, Tom Larned, Kennebunk Pond Association