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LD 693

Dear members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

Kimberly and David Hallee reside in Waterville and spend the summer on McGrath Pond. We are asking for your support today for LD 693, a bill that would prohibit large wake-generating boats from within 500' of shore and in water less than 20' deep.

We are concerned that large wakes close to shore will damage shorelines, and increase soil loss resulting in phosphorus increase, algae bloom, economic loss, and social burden. As LakeSmart evaluators and McGrath Pond Salmon Lake board members, we educate the importance of stable shorelines and healthy robust buffers. We work with our lake members, Lakes Alliance, and the DEP in addressing shoreline degradation. We support EPA 319 cost share grant usage per our Watershed-Based Management Plan towards that endeavor.

We support LD 693 as a common-sense solution that will keep large-wake-generating boats on the water but direct them to places where they can operate safely because the care of our land, lakes, wildlife, and people must be in concert. We All have to Play Nice in the Water and Keep the Splashing to a Minimum!!!

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,