

Margaret Innes  
Westbrook/Norway Hobbs Pond  
LD 693

Dear Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

My name is Margaret Innes. I am a home-owner on a small lake in Norway, Maine – Hobbs Pond (aka Little Penneesseewassee) in Norway, Maine. I write to you today in support of LD 693 – AN Act to Protect Inland Water Quality, Shorelines, Wildlife and Public Safety by Prohibiting Operation of a Wake Boat to Create and Enhanced Wake Close to Shore or in Shallow Water. My family has owned this home since 1968.

This bill is a rare instance of creating a true win-win situation for shoreland property Owners as well as motor boat sports-people. I am very concerned about the risks that the wake board boats pose to churning up toxins at the bottoms of lakes when they are operating a full capacity in less than 20-foot depths. We at Hobbs Pond have been dealing with some nasty algae for the past 2 years. It is extremely unpleasant. I do not want others to have to go through this. By placing the motor boats further out in a lake it can prevent this from happening while still allowing the wakeboarders the enjoyment of their sport. Additionally, it keep high-speed boats away from the shoreline where our younger family members spend most of their time.

Please vote in support of LD 693.

Margaret Innes, Westbrook, Maine (Hobbs Pond, Norway)