

I believe that the Portland Sea Dogs *could* be called the Maine Sea Dogs! From being a season-ticket holder for many years to working as an usher in 2023, I have noticed that fans have come from all around the state!

As a season-ticket holder I was fortunate to meet many people who enjoy the game of baseball as much as I do. One such fan, Paula, and I had great conversations about the Red Sox as she went back about her days watching Ted Williams. I feel I was lucky to meet Paula, and many, many more around me.

As an usher, I saw many school buses from all over the state rolling up to Hadlock field and in the summer we had more than one camp arrive with multiple buses. All these kids coming to watch the game with friends and becoming the next generation of Sea Dog fans.

The fact is, the Sea Dogs have welcomed over 11 million fans since they opened the gates in 1994. Chances are you or someone you know has been to a game. I've been going to Hadlock for a long time and noticed that all the fans have a good time! Nobody goes to the ballpark in a bad mood.

Fans come to Hadlock from all over New England and beyond to see the next generation of Red Sox players. These fans may make Hadlock a destination but many incorporate a day at the ballpark into a vacation, traveling our beautiful state and bringing tourist dollars along them.

We come today to ask for your assistance and helping bring Hadlock Field up the minor-league baseball standards. In a business where ownership changes just so new owners can move their team for profit, we are in a position where we can keep our team right here in Maine! There are no negatives when it comes to the Portland Sea Dogs! Friendly entertainment for all ages for over 20 years. We ask for your help for another 20 years and beyond.

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