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I urge Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue with the practice of requiring all motorized boats to register, in the interest of education and continued financial support to protect our waterways. Even smaller boats are subject to transporting invasive species. I have witnessed first hand the very sad state of waterways in neighboring states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut which have fallen to invasive species. At best, the result of not protecting our waterways will be a widespread, very expensive remediation effort with no guarantee of success. Infested waterways reduce property values and inhibit recreation and tourism, but more importantly irreparably harm our natural environment.