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LD 296

Good afternoon, Chairs Tepler and Doudera, and Distinguished Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

As Board Chair of the Kennebunk Pond Association, representing 180 property owners surrounding Kennebunk Pond, we urge you to press for passage of LD 296.

Our members conducted a watershed survey in 2003 with the help of York County Soil and Water Conservation District.

We all worked together for the following three years to correct many of the soil erosion problems found during that survey.

We have several LakeSmart-trained personnel working with Maine Lakes to continue to work with property owners to identify and help fix other threats to the pond.

We sample sites all around the pond every summer, locating hot spots of e-Coli bacteria that could be the result of a failing septic system.

We have a trained team of 18 volunteers searching for invasive aquatic plants every summer.

LD 296 will help support those kinds of efforts for the future...and the future of Maine's lakes is critical in Vacationland!

Please help us and support LD 296