Tom Larned Kennebunk Pond Association LD 173

Good afternoon, Chairs Baldacci and Roberts, and Distinguished Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.

As Board Chair of the Kennebunk Pond Association, we represent the 180 property owners around Kennebunk Pond.

We wholeheartedly disapprove of LD 173 and its goal of allowing motorized canoes, kayaks and rowboats to not be required to be registered.

First of all, the 100 HP limit is ludicrous. I'll install some oarlocks on my ski boat, call it a "rowboat" and not have to register it anymore. What moron came up with that?

ALL motorized watercraft should be registered...that's an easy rule and everyone understands it. We can't afford to lose the Lake and River Protection sticker funds that help protect our lakes.

Please shoot down LD 173 now!