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LD 171

Hello,

My name is Julie Ywoskus and I live in Otisfield. I am writing to you today to express my support for Bill LD 171: An Act to Enhance Protections Regarding Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Inland Waters of the State.

I support the passage of Bill LD 171 because I strongly believe that it will help to keep many of our lakes and ponds free of invasive plants. I have been a certified invasive aquatic plant patroller on Saturday Pond for several years and I know how hard my fellow patrollers work to make sure our pond does not become infected with invasive aquatic plants. However, there is much more work to be done to keep invasive aquatic plants from being spread from infected lakes and ponds to those that do not have them. This bill will provide for much needed analysis of current methods for preventing the spread and allow for implementation of new guidelines and practices to help with this work.

Our Maine lakes and ponds are so important to our state and its economy. And having lakes that are free of invasive plants is essential to their health and our enjoyment of them. It is much easier and less expensive to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants from one infected lake or pond to another that is not infected than it is to clean up a lake once it is infected. Please vote for Bill LD 171.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Julie Ywoskus