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RE: LD 531: Dam Ownership

Sponsored by: Nina Milliken D-Blue Hill

Committee: Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

In Favor of the Bill

Our names are Doe and Tom Boyle (legally, Adele McDonald Boyle and Thomas E. Boyle), and we wish to strongly endorse passage of LD 531.

We deeply cherish our property and our lifeways on Toddy Pond, and we recognize that Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake are essential environments and habitats for both humans and wildlife. These quintessential Maine habitats are nearly pristine and profoundly beautiful. They not only provide recreational opportunities for the citizens of Blue Hill, Orland, Penobscot, and Surry, but they provide recreational opportunities for visitors from nearby and afar.

Both lakes are habitats for fish, loons, eagles, cormorants, and other waterfowl and raptors, as well as beavers, weasels, foxes, deer, and other species that rely on these essential waters. We would experience an irreparable loss if these bodies of water were to disappear or even be moderately altered.

Toddy Pond and Alamoosook are both much-beloved environmental resources and economic resources for Hancock County and the entire state of Maine. The property taxes of lakefront property owners significantly impact the tax revenues of all four towns adjacent to the lakes, and the influx of vacationers has an invaluable positive effect on local businesses. The loss of such essential environmental and economic assets would be devastating to the towns of Blue Hill, Orland, Penobscot, and Surry.

We hope that the State of Maine will embrace and encourage the grass-roots efforts being made to solve the problem of its aging dams. With all our hearts, we urge the legislature to support this essential bill. **Together with our neighbors and friends, we truly cherish these lakes. Please support LD 531.**

With gratitude,

Doe and Tom Boyle
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