

Landon Fake  
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust  
LD 531

LD 531: Dam Ownership

Sponsored by: Nina Miliken D-Blue Hill

Committee: Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

In Favor of the Bill

My name is Landon Fake. I am the Executive Director of Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, a local land trust that owns the Wildlands, a 5200- acre preserve in Orland, including more than 3 miles of shorefront on the Dead River, an arm of Alamoosook Lake. The Trust strongly supports the creation of Watershed Management Districts for Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake.

The Trust actively conserves land in Orland and the surrounding towns. We maintain a network of hiking and biking trails in the Wildlands that serve about 20,000 users annually. The property is open to hunting and fishing, as well as snowmobiling in the winter. We provide 20 - 30 educational programs to the community annually. The Trust's annual operating budget is around a half-million dollars. Most of that money goes into the local community. About \$200,000 of the operating budget is raised locally.

The Trust strongly supports the creation of Watershed Management Districts as the best way to manage the dams.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Landon Fake, Executive Director,  
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust