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Flying Pond Improvement Association and 30 Mile River Watershed Association
LD 1435

I live in Vienna, Maine, in close proximity to Parker Pond and Minnehonk Lake, and my family owns a camp on Flying Pond, where I am a member of the Flying Pond Improvement Association Board. I am also chairman and the representative from Vienna on the board of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 Mile). I urge you to support LD 1435 - An Act to Allow a Municipality or Locally Recognized Lake Association to Post Certain Information on the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Information Kiosks Located at State Boat Launch Facilities. We rely on staff from 30 Mile to post critical information on the message boards at all boat ramps, including the "Clean, Drain, Dry" posters, information about invasive plants, and maps showing no wake zones on the lakes. This is an invaluable opportunity to educate boaters about items that are directly related to the health of our lakes, streams, and ponds, and is complementary to the information provided by the state. I recognize the need for consistency and clarity at boat ramps across the state and welcome educational information provided by the state. I respectfully request that local lake associations and other organizations that dedicate both huge volunteer efforts and considerable funding to protect our lakes be permitted to add lake and watershed specific information to the state's material.