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LD 1435

I strongly support the proposed bill "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".

However, after listening to Diano Circo's testimony, it appears that the IFW's intent is to remove any remaining kiosks at state boat launches so it seems that even if this bill is passed, there will be no kiosks left for Municipalities/local Lake Associations to post information. In fact, the kiosk at East Pond was removed a number of years ago and any attempt at posting informational signage specific to our lake at the boat launch has been thwarted by IFW. This includes information that identifies areas where invasive plant infestations are occurring so that they can be avoided.

With all that said, I truly feel that with the intent by IFW to remove all kiosks, the bill should be amended to allow approved signage at IFW controlled boat launches would be the better way to go. A single signpost could be installed for this purpose. There are presently three IFW supplied signposts (not including no parking and other directional signs) at the East Pond boat launch and I see no reason that another post could not be included to allow for the signage that is specific to the lake in question. I am certain that the organizations involved would be happy to work with IFW to make sure that signs are properly made and of a reasonable size (the State of Maine Laws sign on one of the posts is 18"H x 12" W).

Regards,
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