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LD 1435

I am writing in strong support of LD 1435. As a Board member of both the 30 Mile River Watershed Association and the Lovejoy Pond Improvement Association, I am aware of the importance of educating users of lakes and ponds about watershed protection issues. For example, Androscoggin Lake, located in the 30 Mile River Watershed, has an invasive milfoil infestation near the heavily used state boat launch, and has been declining in water quality in recent years with severe algal blooms occurring each summer. It is critical for municipalities and local watershed protection organizations to be able to inform boaters of specific threats to lakes and ponds, and inform them on how they can (and must) help in efforts to mitigate these problems, such as avoiding transporting plant materials into a lake and keeping their boat away from infested areas. IF&W kiosks at state boat launches are a perfect place to post such information, and I urge the Committee to allow municipalities and appropriate organizations to do so.

Respectfully,
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