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LD 1763

I support LD 1763 prohibiting non-water-dependent floating structures (NWFS) for the following reasons:

- NWFS have no regulated sewage systems (marine sanitation devices) onboard and sewage will go directly into the lakes causing public health hazards and permanently damaging water quality.
- Garbage is being thrown overboard as there are no systems in place to support regular habitation.
- Damage in littoral areas will occur.
- It is not a granted right to have a NWFS, it is a loophole that needs to be closed.
- It amounts to an unregulated encampment on water, which causes far more harm than on land. Many municipalities have zoning in place to prevent land-based encampments, but not current state backing to prevent water-based encampments. The state of Maine has programs in place for those that need shelter for daily living. And for those just looking to enjoy the water, the state of Maine has many regulated options to enjoy the water.