



# Town of Penobscot

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Good morning, I am Harold Hatch select board chairman of the town of Penobscot. Thank you for taking the time to consider LD531. This bill is sponsored by Democratic representative Nina Milliken and co-sponsored by Republican representative Steve Bishop. This bill has great support from both legislative parties from districts in our area because it involves so many people of all walks of life.

Toddy Pond shoreline is in Penobscot and that is our concern. This bill will allow the towns involved around these great bodies of water to gain control of the assets and have a great group of people build a strong entity to address the issues with these dams. It will allow us to raise funds to rebuild, repair or replace these dams. This will be done along with lakeside property owners and associations.

This would allow us to preserve the water level in Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake. Without this entity we risk the dams being opened and the water released. This would create a huge property value decrease for about 95 shorefront properties and 35 with deeded access to Toddy Pond. This would result in an increase in taxes for the rest of the taxpayers in the town of Penobscot.

We the taxpayers and citizens of Penobscot deeply hope you will pass this bill to help us preserve the water levels in the bodies of water involved and to maintain a way of life for those property owners on Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake.

Thank you

Harold Hatch