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Maine State Legislature
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee

Re: Testimony in Support of LD 349 (An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden.)

Dear Committee Members:

We are writing in support of LD 349, an act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden.

Keyes Pond has been a part of Linda's life since 1951 when her parents, the four kids, and a helper for the baby loaded into a very crowded car and came up from Connecticut for a month. They fell in love with the quiet scene, the fishing, the beautiful clear water and the friendliness of the people. This became their summer pattern. In the early 1960's Linda's mother purchased land on the lake, built a cabin, and that place is now a focus for all of us and our families, including spouses, children, and grandchildren. Those four kids, including Linda, gladly inherited the property from our mother. When Orrin and Linda retired, we moved to Maine to be near this cabin and this lake.

We value the lake for many reasons. Noisy personal watercraft disturb everything – the water, the wildlife and shore vegetation. Personally, the lake is a beautiful and peaceful place to spend time, go in the canoe, fish and relax. On a deeper level, protecting this particular lake is part of a deep belief that to protect the environment, one does need to think globally and act locally. Protecting the water, loons, the fish the birds, the vegetation, the whole watershed is acting locally. Protecting these things for Maine, New England, and the world is acting globally.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Linda and Orrin Shane