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Thank you for considering my written testimony.

I am writing in support of LD 394, "An Act to Protect Maine's Loons and Other Wildlife in the Issuance of a Permit to Hold a Regatta, Race, or Boat or Water-ski Exhibition."

I have maintained a home on Toddy Pond in Orland, Maine for the last 30 years and have noticed a distinct decline in waterfowl, and particularly Loon, activity in recent years. My observations have led me to believe that reckless boating and PWC activities are contributing to this decline. It's bad enough to have individuals and small groups indiscriminately charging around the lake and scaring off our resident wildlife, but the idea of sanctioning boat races and waterski exhibitions would be taking this damaging practice to the next level. The authorization of Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to take the potential adverse impact of these activities on our resident wildlife into account in considering permits to conduct these events should be a no-brainer. We all need to stand up for our precious wildlife since they can't speak for themselves.

Sincerely,
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