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We live on Prince Gurnet, a narrow passage between Doughty Point, Harpswell and Princes Point, Brunswick. It is normally a quiet and peaceful area with occasional planes heard on the flight path coming in to land at the Executive Airboat on what used to be the Navy Base. There are normally pairs of protected loons and multiple nesting waterfowl, terns, sand pipers, kingfishers, osprey and a nest of eagles. Airboats launch at the public ramp at the beginning of Princes Point Road off Route 24 come south through Long Reach and to this passage where we live to get to Ewin Narrows and Harpswell Cove. The noise these boats make compared to the low flying landing planes is abominable! The airboats make you jump out of bed before dawn from a sound sleep thinking a jet is crashing into your roof. The boats pass through before the sun comes up and numerous airboats daily come through frequently with the sound amplified against the shores of Doughty Point and Princes Point as it echoes between the shores in this narrow passage. I sometimes wonder if they are ferrying clammers back and forth there is so much air boat traffic. The noise is horrific, makes your nervous system rev up for "flight or fight" perceiving danger, it is a terrible feeling. These precious birds and waterfowl soon leave the area and any nesting efforts end as they seem to seek quieter waters and you no longer see the birds. By the time the airboats are into full swing of their season the birds-true markers for a the health of our eco systems- have relocated, doesn't this matter? I know some of these birds are protected and the noise of these airboats is horrific and harmful to their nesting on the 2 little islands in Long Reach, in the sea grasses of Ewin Narrows, Harpswell Cove, Long Reach and on East Cove of Princes Point where we live. The noise in the middle of the afternoon woke my wakes my little grand daughter from her nap it is that loud. Comparing this noise to a low flying jet, the airboat seems 100 times louder! It is a loud cruel noise and absurd to think there is no regulation. Boats used to get to these waters for fishing, worming and clamming by good people trying to make a living in boats that did not create this noise impact on the environment. Now that airboats have become more popular this needs regulation. Please, do something! I want these folks to be able to be able to continue making their living but I also know they make really good money at this fishing and certainly should be able to modify their boats and follow calendar and daily hour restrictions that can help us all live together.