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I reside and pay annual residential taxes along the Saco River west of Biddeford Rotary Park and East of the Skelton Dam. We've had low water the past 2 years due to dam construction which has significantly impaired recreation. However, that is a necessary and understandable issue and we deal with it.

Last summer an airboat was introduced to that stretch of the river: The high speed, the enormous noise (sounds like a jet landing and taking off), the huge wake and the absolute disdain of the operator for anyone else's rights has severely impacted the following: River banks are eroding faster than ever, the eagles departed from this stretch of the river, and the safety of any other boat, kayak, canoe, float, paddle boarder, fisher person, swimmer is at high risk.

Airboats serve a needed purpose in the Florida Everglades (I guess as I see wardens using them there) but they serve no purpose in Maine lakes and rivers.

I am hard pressed to want to pay taxes in a state that allows our waterways, wildlife and human enjoyment of the natural world to be so rudely destroyed by the selfish desires of a few individuals who think they are "cool" and who are profiting off the shared resources of the state. Please restrict, regulate these watercraft.