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Good morning,

Thank you for your work on this important issue. The noise from airboats last summer was untenable, and I urge you to provide coastal visitors and residents relief. The noise was so loud for so long that my family had to leave Winslow Park in Freeport last summer several times; my 4 year old son would start crying because his ears hurt. We were not the only family that had to rush to our cars, with our upset children holding their ears. Even more problematic for our family, which also includes a 6 year old and 1 year, was the routine roar of the airboats that would come up the Harraseeket at 5a.m., waking everyone in the house. The unregulated or poorly regulated noise restriction is not keeping Maine "the way life should be." Summers in Maine are being ruined by the noise pollution specifically from airboats operating without regard to noise. Please consider the impact of this noise on residents, tourists, visitors, wildlife, and give us relief.