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Freeport

I live in Freeport, Maine and my family and I often use canoes and kayaks in the waters off of Lower Flying Point Road in addition to the Porter's Landing Boat Launch and at Winslow Park. We have seen airboats launch and watched them travel from each of these locations on numerous occasions. We have a young son who just turned 4 and has been brought to tears (by fear) over the sound of the airboats, especially at take off. I fully support the working waterfront, however these boats create a relentless sound at a much higher decibel level than the other methods of commercial fishing in the area. No other common commercial activities cause the same level of noise as airboats. As a parent and local physician, I am concerned about the adverse effects of the sound on our children's hearing. For these reasons I OPPOSE LD 114 (90 dbA day/75 dbA night at shoreline).