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I am a resident of Brunswick, Princes Point Road, along the shoreline of Harpswell Cove. I am writing to express my opposition to this bill, which does not go far enough to control the noise pollution that airboats create in our small cove. Though I support commercial fishing, we need stronger noise abatement requirements that bring airboats within the range applied to other sounds (lawnmowers, leaf blowers, chain saws etc) that affect residential areas. Mufflers are available for airboats, and other adjustments can be made as well. These boats often come very early, interrupting our sleep, and are unpredictable. Though they may be visible for only a few minutes, they are an audible nuisance for at least 10-15 minutes before and after we can see them. In addition, the lack of noise abatement is detrimental to shoreline habitats, who need solitude and quiet for successful nesting and reproduction.