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I am writing against LD 114 and in support of LD 89. People in Freeport, and other communities, are adversely affected by noise from airboats. We want that noise regulated effectively. The decibel limits in LD 114 are too high.

I live about a quarter mile from the Harraseeket River on Wolf Neck in Freeport. From our house we can hear the very loud airboats very loudly. Our peace and wellbeing are interrupted. People who live closer to the river suffer much more from the airboat noise. It seems likely that wildlife suffer too.

The working waterfront and the harvesters who make a living on the water are an important part of our community and I support them. However, I do not support their use of loud airboats. Airboats are a convenience to some fishermen, but their use of them impacts other people's ability to work. People who live and work near the water need to be able to count on: a good night's sleep; being able to carry on a phone call or video meeting; being able to concentrate, as they pursue their livelihood.

Thank you for addressing this issue.