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Maine, the way life should be...I believe this was how the old slogan goes.

To me this draws forth memories of growing up on the Harraseeket River, with countless hours spent watching the ocean and listening to the wind blow through the pine trees.

This peace and tranquility is now dead thanks to air boats and this not the way life should be on the Maine coast.

Air boat noise has ruined the tranquility of our family home on Wolfe's Neck in Freeport. During visits over the last few years, airboats going up and down the Harraseeket River have repeatedly woke me up before sunrise and barraged our home with noise in the afternoon/evening.

From August 15-20, 2020, my spouse and I returned to Maine as tourists and rented a house on the Casco Bay side of Wolfs Neck. We thought air boats would not be an issue on the other side of the peninsula, but boy were we wrong. Nearly every day of our visit, air boats woke us up between 5-8am and disturbed us again between 4-7pm.

If airboats become a permanent fixture on the coast of Maine, I will vacation in another state and I would consider not returning to live on the coast of Freeport in my older years. My friends and colleagues in Washington, D.C. do not seem very excited to hit the Maine coast after I tell them about the airboats. In short: airboats will drive away residents and tourists that Maine depends on for revenue.

Airboats should be held to the same noise threshold as motor boats. If air boats cannot meet this requirement, they should not be allowed to operate on Maine's coastline-period. However, if airboats are allowed to operate, then nighttime operation (between 7pm and 7am) should be strictly prohibited and a land-based noise rule should be adopted that returns peace and tranquility to living on the coast of Maine.