

March 22, 2023

Dear members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

My name is Mark Doty, I am a resident of Madison Maine. I am one of the volunteers working to maintain the water quality of Lake Wesserunsett in Madison.

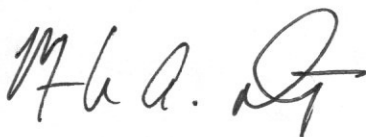
Please **support LD 693**: An Act to Protect Inland Water Quality, Shorelines, Wildlife and Public Safety by Prohibiting Operation of a Wake Boat to Create an Enhanced Wake Close to Shore or in Shallow Water

We have developed a Watershed Conservation Plan, we employ a Courtesy Boat Inspector to help prevent the introduction of invasive aquatics (for 20+ years), we work with camp owners to reduce phosphorus loading, we monitor water quality as part of the Lake Stewards of Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (for 40+ years), we monitor loon populations, and we educate and inform lake users, among other work.

Lake Wesserunsett is a shallow lake, 22 feet at the deepest point. I am concerned that boats purposefully generating enhanced wakes such as wake boats will disturb sediments in almost any part of our lake. These disturbed sediments will bring phosphorus into the water column, combining with phosphorus from other sources, increasing the risk of algae blooms. This poses a large additional risk to Lake Wesserunsett.

Please recognize the risks to shallow waters and **support LD 693**: An Act to Protect Inland Water Quality, Shorelines, Wildlife and Public Safety by Prohibiting Operation of a Wake Boat to Create an Enhanced Wake Close to Shore or in Shallow Water

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Doty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mark Doty
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