Roy Lambert Bridgton, Maine LD 693

Dear members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

My name is Roy Lambert and I own property on Woods Pond in Bridgton, Maine. I am asking for your support today for LD 693, a bill that would prohibit large wake generating boats from within 500' of shore and in water less than 20' deep.

I am concerned that large wakes close to shore will erode the shoreline of affected lakes and ponds in Maine; damage docks; pose a risk to young children; interfere with the enjoyment of Maine's lakes by paddleboarders, kayakers, and swimmers; create havoc with nesting loons; and disturb the bottom sediments of shallow lakes and ponds, thereby adding to phosphorous loading.

I support LD 693 as a common-sense solution that will keep large-wake-generating boats on the water but direct them to places where they can operate safely at a distance from shore and in deeper waters.

Please vote to support LD 693 as a smart way to assure safe boating opportunities for everyone on our publicly owned Great Ponds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important bill.

Signed,

Roy Lambert