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LD 693

I'm a full-time resident on Crescent Lake in Raymond, Maine. I also volunteer on my lake's watershed protection committee. I'm very happy to see legislation proposed for amending wake zones for the newer wake surf boats that are occasionally on our lake. 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.

Our lake has a narrow area in its center, so motorized boats impact the shoreline (erosion, dock undermining) more so than in larger parts of the lake. Moving these wave-producing boats further away from the shoreline can only improve the slowing down of erosion on our properties. In smaller lakes/ponds, this is even more crucial. There are enough natural causes for erosion; to control what we can is imperative. Also, non-motorized boaters (kayakers, canoeists) tend to be impacted by the large waves generated by these watercraft, as well.

Please vote to support LD 693 as a reasonable way to assure safe boating opportunities for everyone, especially as industry keeps providing more innovative ways to "play" on our lakes.

Thank you for an opportunity to comment on this important issue.