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LD 2141

Please support LD 2141. Extra funding and regulatory support to our Courtesy Boat Inspectors, Divers and Invasive Aquatic Survey Teams will help to strengthen our efforts to keep Maine lakes healthy and free of Invasive plants such as the dreaded milfoils and pondweed. In 2010 Eurasian Milfoil was eradicated from Outlet/Kozy Cove in Salmon Lake. The ME DEP and McGrath Pond Salmon Lake Association were successful in their efforts! David and I provide volunteer support with an Invasive Plant Patrol led by 7 Lake Alliance on McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake. Every year since our infestation, the fragile area (State boat launch with some Courtesy Boat Inspector coverage) along with many other susceptible sites on our 2 ponds are inspected for invasive water plants. Through the efforts of Volunteers, 7 Lakes Alliance, and ME DEP we must continue these efforts. Volunteer dollars and volunteer donation of time and citizen science commitments and our Taxpayer dollars support these programs. Additional dollars for the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund will help. Strengthening watercraft inspection protocols and review of policies and procedures for surface use restrictions will also help ensure Maine and 's success in maintaining healthy lakes that support our fish, wildlife, native aquatic plant life. Maine's 6,000 bodies of water are so vital to our quality way of life, economy and joy. 'We ain't just about the Lobstah'!! Thank You. Kimberly and David Hallee