Matt Towle Byron, ME LD 173

I would like to testify to oppose LD 173. I am the Coordinator of the Courtesy Boat Inspection.

Program at Ellis Pond in Roxbury.

I do not understand why we would want to exclude motorized rowboats from the registration process.

These watercraft are more easily transported from location to location and are very capable of transporting invasive species.

If we remove these watercraft from the registration roles, we will be reducing the revenue available to support these programs. In doing so we are creating the possibility of investing, more waters and having fewer funds available to protect them.

Therefore, I oppose LD173. Thank you.