

Paul Shook
Norway, Maine
LD 171

I urge Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt the most aggressive practical means of protecting our precious Maine waterways from invasive plant and animal species. I have witnessed first hand the very sad state of similar natural resources in neighboring states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut which have fallen to invasive species. At best, the result of not protecting our waterways will be a widespread, very expensive remediation effort with no guarantee of success. Infested waterways reduce property values and inhibit recreation and tourism, but more importantly irreparably harm our natural environment. As a volunteer invasive plant surveyor, I know that we can do a better job of preserving these resources working together.