

Steven Eagles
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LD 976

Senator Baldacci, Rep Roberts and members of IF&W, my name is Steve Eagles and I urge you to support LD 976. I have lived within sight of Swan Island for the last 45 years and have been an active supporter of the Town of Richmond, and am currently a resident of Dresden on the other side of the Kennebec. I have had the opportunity to lead Boy Scout groups and school groups and church groups on trips to that very special place known as Swan Island. We had previously been taken to the island in a very simple and old boat since the trip to the island is only a few hundred yards. Over the last decade much money has been invested in the new landing in Richmond and a fine new boat was purchased for transportation. It even carried a group of elderly residents of the Highlands in Topsham to the island. Many of us were dumbstruck when it was announced that the much improved new system was unsafe. The island is still open to people with their own boats which, of course, leaves many people out. It was wonderful to often see local school buses dropping off Maine kids and giving them an opportunity to experience this historical and calm space on the Kennebec. Please vote to re-instate public boat service to this wonderful island for our kids, our elders, and the Town of Richmond.