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LD 1763

Dear Sen. Baldacci, Rep. Roberts, and IFWC Members: I am writing to voice my full support for LD 1763, legislation to ban Floating Camps on Maine lakes. Here is why I believe these structures should be banned:

**Sewage:** Sewage, human waste, and greywater pose a risk to public health, water quality, and wildlife. The risks posed by floating camps either leaking sewage (with substandard plumbing) or discharging directly into lakes are high and are not acceptable and must be outlawed.

**Littoral Habitat destruction:** Shallow habitat is essential for all stages of Maine's fish and other aquatic life. Floating camps moored in shallow waters will damage these fragile aquatic habitats.

**Equitable Access:** Access to our public lakes is an essential right. While one or two of these structures on a lake may not feel like a big deal, without statewide regulation the scale and range of these structure will continue to grow, creating conflicts over access, as well as further degradation to lake water quality and negative impacts to our vital outdoor industries.

**Tax Base destruction:** As an owner of lakeside property on Sebec Lake, the presence of Floating Camps will de-value our property, both by the sewerage and destruction of aquatic habitat, and their enjoying the benefit of having a 'camp on the lake' with no local tax burden. I, for one, will then petition for a decrease in property tax assessment, and when successful, the impact on the local town's tax base will be to decrease it.

Ont the basis of these, and other reasons, I urge you to support LD 1763, and recommend banning Floating Camps (acronym: NWFS) on all Maine Lakes and Waterways.

Respectfully

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