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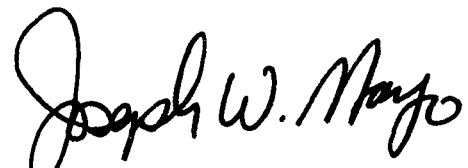
House of Representatives, May 20, 1999

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Regarding Surface Use on Great Ponds.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reported by Representative DUNLAP for the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1585.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** the ability of municipalities to control surface  
use of waters within the municipality is an essential part of the  
current law; and

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10           **Whereas,** the Second Special Session of the 118th Legislature  
enacted a provision in Public Law 1997, chapter 739, An Act to  
Implement the Recommendations of the Great Pond Task Force, to  
12 allow municipalities to submit recommendations regulating the  
use, operation and type of watercraft on great ponds in the  
14 jurisdiction of the municipality; and

16           **Whereas,** this legislation needs to be enacted prior to the  
beginning of the summer; and

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20           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
22 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

24           **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

26           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35** is enacted to read:

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30           **35. Illegally operating personal watercraft in prohibited**  
**area.** A person is guilty of operating a personal watercraft in a  
prohibited area if that person:

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34           A. Operates a personal watercraft on Mud Pond, Oversett  
Pond, South Pond, Round Pond, Twitchell Pond, Hicks Pond or  
Furlong Pond in the Town of Greenwood in Oxford County;

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38           B. Operates a personal watercraft on North Pond or Bryant  
Pond, also known as Christopher Lake, in the Town of  
Greenwood and the Town of Woodstock in Oxford County;

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42           C. Operates a personal watercraft on Concord Pond, Little  
Concord Pond or Shagg Pond in the Town of Woodstock in  
Oxford County;

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46           D. Operates a personal watercraft on Hamilton Pond in Bar  
Harbor in Hancock County; or

48           E. Operates a personal watercraft on Bog Lake or Horseshoe  
Lake in the Town of Northfield in Washington County.

2           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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### SUMMARY

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This bill implements the recommendations of the towns of  
Woodstock, Greenwood, Northfield and Bar Harbor to restrict the  
use of personal watercraft on certain ponds within those towns.

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