

Selectmen's Office
Town of Lovell
Route 5
Lovell, Me 04051

August 31, 2010

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of the Ladies Delight Road Association to strongly protest the petition to increase access points for boat launches into the Lower Bay of Kezar Lake.

It has been brought to my attention that both the former Koski property on Ladies Delight Road and the community area on Timber Bay Shores have been discussed as possible points of entry at the May, June, and July meetings of the Planning Board.

The Ladies Delight Road Association formally protests increasing boat access.

Why? In a word: milfoil. It's the biggest enemy facing Kezar Lake—especially to Lower Bay with its shallower waters.

Increasing boat access just increases the milfoil threat.

Our road association members have been active volunteers in the milfoil inspection effort every summer since the program's inception and each of us has a personal interest in doing everything possible to keep milfoil out of Kezar Lake.

Milfoil infestation has been exploding in Maine. Just a few years ago Maine was able to boast we had zero infested lakes. Today we have 32!

The Kezar Lake Watershed Association and its volunteers have challenges enough staffing the current public launches with tournament fishing that allows boats and tackle in contact with multiple lakes in the region and visitors putting in from Spring to Fall during unstaffed times.

Instead of increasing the number of points of access, we recommend tightening milfoil inspection by hiring full-time inspectors to staff the current locations.

The Town of Lovell will be significantly impacted by milfoil infestation as property values will plummet and property value-based taxes right along with it.

I'd also like to remind you that Ladies Delight, South Lower Bay and North Lower Bay Roads are privately owned and maintained rendering a public launch non-accessible to the public.

I ask that you enter this formal protest from the Ladies Delight Association into the record by reading it at your next meeting as well as forwarding it to the Planning Board.

Sincerely,

Steve Lynch
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