



**Surface Use Restriction**  
**Great Meadow Stream and portion of North Bay in Great Pond**  
**Belgrade, Smithfield, and Rome, Maine**

Pursuant to 38 MRSA §1864, the Maine Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) hereby establish a temporary surface use restriction on Great Meadow Stream and the northern portion of North Bay in Great Pond. The purpose of this surface use restriction is to enable effective suppression of the invasive aquatic plant variable-leaved water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) and to prevent spread of this plant in Great Pond during plant removal work in 2023.

By this Order, the restriction on watercraft during 2023 is as follows:

From June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, no motorized watercraft may enter or travel this reach of Great Meadow Stream or the northern portion of North Bay in Great Pond.

Exceptions to this Order are limited to boat travel 1) in emergency situations where property or human safety is endangered and 2) specifically allowed by the DEP to survey for and remove invasive plants, deploy fragment nets and buoys, and maintain fragment nets.

The restriction extends from where Rte 225 crosses Great Meadow Stream in Rome and Smithfield southward into the northern portion of North Bay of Great Pond. Buoys deployed and maintained by DEP with assistance from Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Boating Facilities Division mark the southern extent of the surface use restriction. Buoy locations are shown in red on the attached image.

This surface use restriction is in effect unless canceled in writing by the Departments.

ORDERED BY:

Melanie Loyzim, Acting Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection

Judith Camuso, Commissioner  
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

6/9/2023

Date

6/7/2023

Date

