



Surface Use Restriction Portion of Androscoggin Lake in Wayne, 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 a portion of Androscoggin Lake in Wayne. The approximate boundaries of the restricted area are shown on the image attached to this document.

The purpose of this surface use restriction is to support efforts to eradicate the invasive aquatic plant variable-leaved water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) and to prevent spread of this plant in Androscoggin Lake and to other lakes during plant removal work in 2023.

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

From April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, no watercraft of any type may enter or travel the area of Androscoggin Lake indicated on the image accompanying this order.

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 or DIFW to survey for and remove invasive plants, deploy and retrieve fragment nets and buoys, and maintain fragment nets.

The restricted area is in the northern portion of Inner Cove on Androscoggin Lake. The restricted area encompasses the area where plant surveyors have found variable-leaved water-milfoil during 2020, 2021, and 2022. Buoys labeled "Area Closed" will be deployed along the boundary of the restricted area in the lake.

This surface use restriction is in effect unless canceled in writing by the Departments. The restriction may be extended beyond 2023 if the agencies deem it necessary to achieve the objectives of invasive aquatic plant removal in Androscoggin Lake.

ORDERED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Melanie Loyzim".

Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection

4/7/2023

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith Camuso".

Judith Camuso, Commissioner
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

4/11/2023

Date

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