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From: John Shorey [mailto:john.shorey@yahoo.com]
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My name is John Shorey, i am 60 years old and have lived in Sheepscot & Alna for my entire life. I live at 201 Cross rd in Alna.

I understand that there have been a bunch of people writing in to say that there are no powerboats used on the Sheepscot above the falls which i want to let you know is completely false. Jeff Spinney has shown me the letters these people wrote.

When i was a child we lived at 2 West old county road (Sheepscot) my grandmother was the postmaster at the post office in Sheepscot which then had a dock on the dyer river Both of my uncles and my father would launch at the old boat launch ramp (now gone, but at the time it was paved right right into the water because my uncle was a paver and folks didn't want to get cars stuck), behind the postoffice (on Dyer river, just under the bridge) and we would water ski and striper fish nearly every weekend along the Sheepscot.

When my brother and i got our own boat when we were in high school we went fishing all the time all the way to head tide (Sheepscot river) and cowshit corner (dyer river).

Other friends of ours including Rosco Chase, Jim Verney, Fred Marsh, Ricky Reed & Van Reed and the Lochhead/Gregory (the farm that burnt down 2 years ago) all had boats. In fact, at the Lochhead/Gregory farm, they had several boats at the dock and many children swam there as well.

Another person Teddy Willy (and many others including my brother who had a Corson boat) who lived in the area used to launch at the now closed launch in the gravel pit just South of the falls. Since then this has been closed/taken over by development and is not available.

Captain Jones if i recall had a commercial shad fishing operation with a dock just above the falls, this was before my time, but he also had a tugboat that would also tow logs and the brick barges down from the Spinney's property (by the big rock we called 'old Darby' in the middle of the river) to Wiscasset.

I happen to know that Jim Hidu (another local friend) who lives in Newcastle (below the falls) has 2 docks, a Donzi speedboat with open exhaust and does happen to occasionally come north above the falls, this should be pretty obvious when it happens.

i hope this helps set the record straight.

John Shorey