



Surface Use Restriction Portion of Annabessacook Lake in Monmouth, Maine

Pursuant to 38 MRS §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 the southwest corner of Annabessacook Lake in Monmouth. The approximately 47-acre restricted area is shown on the accompanying image and includes approximately 200 feet of Wilson Stream just upstream of the Waugan Road bridge.

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 Annabessacook Lake during plant removal work in 2024. Herbicide was applied to the restricted area in 2020. Manual removal of regrowth by a contractor is done annually but there remains substantial growth that threatens to spread the plant from this part of the lake.

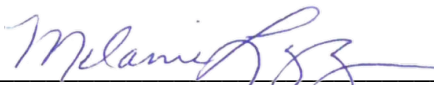
By this Order, the restriction on watercraft during 2024 is as follows:

From May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, no watercraft of any type may enter or travel the southwest portion of Annabessacook Lake and the portion of Wilson Stream 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 extends from approximately 200 feet upstream of the Waugan Road bridge in an easterly direction into a portion of Annabessacook Lake. Buoys labeled "Area Closed" will be deployed along the boundary of the restricted area in the lake.

ORDERED BY:



Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection

5/14/2024
Date



Judith Camuso, Commissioner
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

5/14/2024
Date

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