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Dear Buddy Potts; Bruce Doyle:

With the long summer now behind us, this is an ideal time to express our appreciation for all you and Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society's past efforts on behalf of Maine's Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program which is coordinated by the Lakes Environmental Association in Bridgton.

As you know, CBI is the front line of defense for combating invasive aquatic species—particularly plants—in Maine's lakes, rivers and streams. Intercepting invasive species before their introduction is our best chance of keeping them in check. And every teachable moment about the importance of inspecting watercraft and gear brings the boating public closer to making a habit of lake stewardship.

It's no understatement to say that the ecological and economic future of your lake and potentially every other lake and pond in Maine benefit from your hard work.

It takes a special leader to coordinate the kind of commitment you've shown. To sacrifice your personal time and that of your volunteers during Maine's busiest season shows you care—you care for your favorite lake, you care to set an exemplary example and, of course, you care for all Maine's lakes.

With only three full-time employees at Maine DEP to tackle invasive species problems statewide, the success of our program depends on volunteers like you. You and Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society express the best of citizen-government collaboration. Thank you!

Sincerely,

John McPhedran, Biologist

*Thanks for the great effort to protect the Tacomas.*

*Karen Hahnel Thanks for all you and TLIS does; it's greatly appreciated.*

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*Thanks to you, Maine lakes remain the Best!*

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