



To Protect
and Preserve

SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 303

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DEAR SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS,

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the members for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Sebec Lake Association.

I would also like to thank Dick and Elaine Hartley for the Great job they have done over many years and for the good shape we find the Association to be in. They have made the transition a smooth one for me. Elaine has furnished me with extensive lists of people to know and forms to complete. Paper work!!!

I've received many fine suggestions from concerned members. Sherri Brown suggested revising the membership application to include more camp information, phone number, and the approximate dates at camp. She suggests, and I agree we should emphasize our motto, "To Preserve and Protect"

I've spoken to Tim Thurston of Maines Bureau of Parks and Lands, Waterways Division about revising and updating the Sebec Lake Associations buoing chart of the lake. I'm sure many have noticed the removal and the sudden appearance of buoys. I was quite surprized this past summer to note the new hazard buoy just southeast of Deer Point. I checked it out and found a huge rock about 4 feet under the usual normal lake level. I inquired of Tim Thurston and he explained that he is using +- 4' as a rule of thumb regarding the placement of obstruction/hazard buoys. This buoy should be a welcome addition to some larger sail boats and deep draft inboard/outboards. I also welcome the addition of the obstruction/hazard buoy adjacent to the shoal southwest of little pine island. The buoy marking the obvious shoal near Ram Island point has been removed. A new up to date buoing chart should be ready for distribution by the Sebec Lake Association, Spring 1998.

Another concern the Sebec Lake Association has to address is the poor responce to our Dues request in this past summers mailing. I'm sure with most people it is simply over sight, putting off till tomorrow, etc. I find it hard to believe that anyone fortunate to have property on Sebec Lake wouldn't want to do their part to Protect and Preserve Sebec Lake for future generations to Enjoy. Please do it now, send your check to Mac Blanchard. You'll feel better for having done it.



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The Association has received a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Don Mathewson, in memory of Alice Mossler, a long time Sebec Laker. We have also received a most generous contribution from Thomas and Ingmari Bahr Battles.

I Love A Mystery !!

Why do you suppose that Flagg Cove and Picked Cove have been transposed from early lake maps to the later ones? In the early lake maps, up to and including 1940s, Flagg Cove is the first cove west of Little Pine Island. Picked Cove is opposite Aen Herrings " Boat House Point". Later maps show these reversed. Any thoughts on this will be greatly appreciated.

DUCKS, DUCKS, DUCKS.....

I've heard from over a dozen individuals about the sudden proliferation of Ducks over the past few years. All point out that an overabundance of Ducks is credited as being one of the major causes of the near demise of Sebassticook Lake down in Newport. Many have mentioned an extensive article in the Bangor Daily News awhile back. The consensus of opinion is the Worst thing we could do to Sebec Lake is to FEED the Ducks. If each family of Ducks has a dozen offspring and they each have a dozen little ones, we'll soon be knee deep in Ducks ! Please advise your neighbors, for the good of Sebec Lake, Please Don't Feed The Ducks.

Once again, I'm open to any suggestions on anything with regard to Sebec Lake. Feel free to call, I'd be glad to hear from you. I know that Sebec Lake is near and dear to all of our hearts. We are privileged to be the Caretakers of probably the finest, cleanest, most beautiful lake in all of New England. We should all strive to treat Sebec Lake with the utmost care, observe all boating laws, and in particular respect NO Wake zones and Loon nesting areas.

We are including with this newsletter plans and instructions for constructing Loon nesting Platforms. If some of you could construct a number of these over the winter, I would be glad to see to it that they are in place early on for the nesting season. Please contact me about delivery.

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John Daubenspeck has kindly kept me apprised of the progress of his work on the lake level monitoring system. We plan on having this in place, prior to the Spring flood season.

A suggestion has been made that the Sebec Lake Association have some sort of summer time cook out/ get together at the lake. Perhaps at the beach at Greelys Landing or even at Peaks Kinney State Park. How about a boat parade?? Bob Shapleigh and I, along with the other "Friends of the Marion" will be there with the Steamer "G.E.M.". I'll bet Hap Gerrish would lead the parade with The Anamosa,, and Tim Merrill would show up with his "new" old Century Runabout. How many would join in ? I'd like to hear from someone that could head up a committee to make this happen! Mid July to Mid August would probably be the best time for this.

As I sit here writing this, it just occurred to me that there are only 23 more Fridays until I put my boats in Sebec Lake for another Glorious Summer of FUN. Time flies when you're having FUN!!!!

Happy Holidays

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dave Raymond

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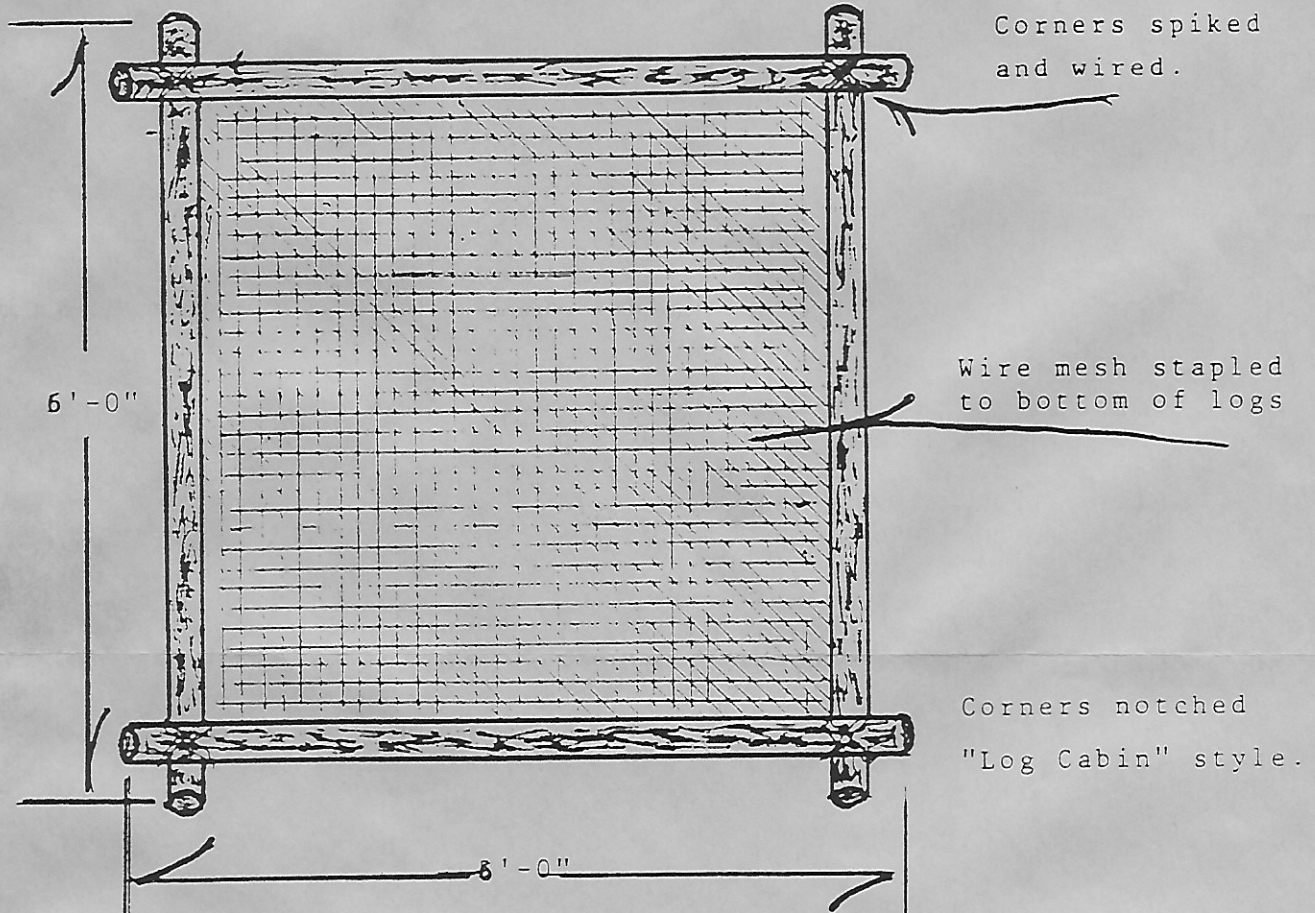
Two additional contributions have been received in memory of Alice Mossler, from Evelyn Weston and also George and Melba Warren. Alice obviously had a lot of friends at the lake. R.I.P.

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Why do you suppose Seymore Cove became Seymour Cove ?????

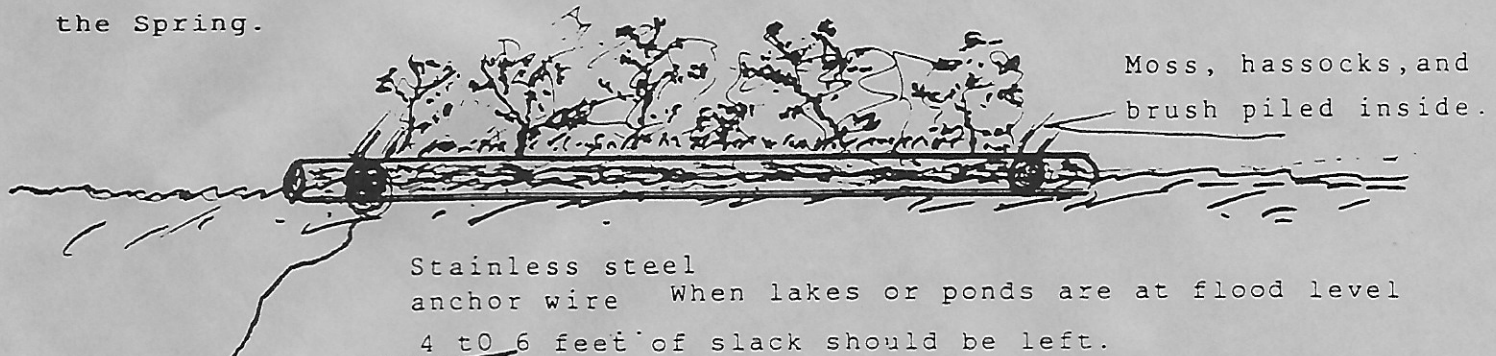
LOON NESTING RAFT

The loon raft can be made from most any available log material. However cedar lasts longer and has greater floatation qualities than most other woods. The ultimate wire, stapled to the bottom of the frame, would be lobster pot wire. However any available mesh can be utilized. The wire, if too large in mesh, can be covered with a sheet of plastic. The materials for nest-building can be most anything as



long as it will stay put. Some water bushes or willow 1 or 2 feet in height should be arranged for shade and for camouflage of the loon when on the nest. The raft should be in place shortly after ice-out.

We found out, in most instances, that rafts installed in the Fall had to be rejuvenated in the Spring. Actually all rafts need attention in the Spring.



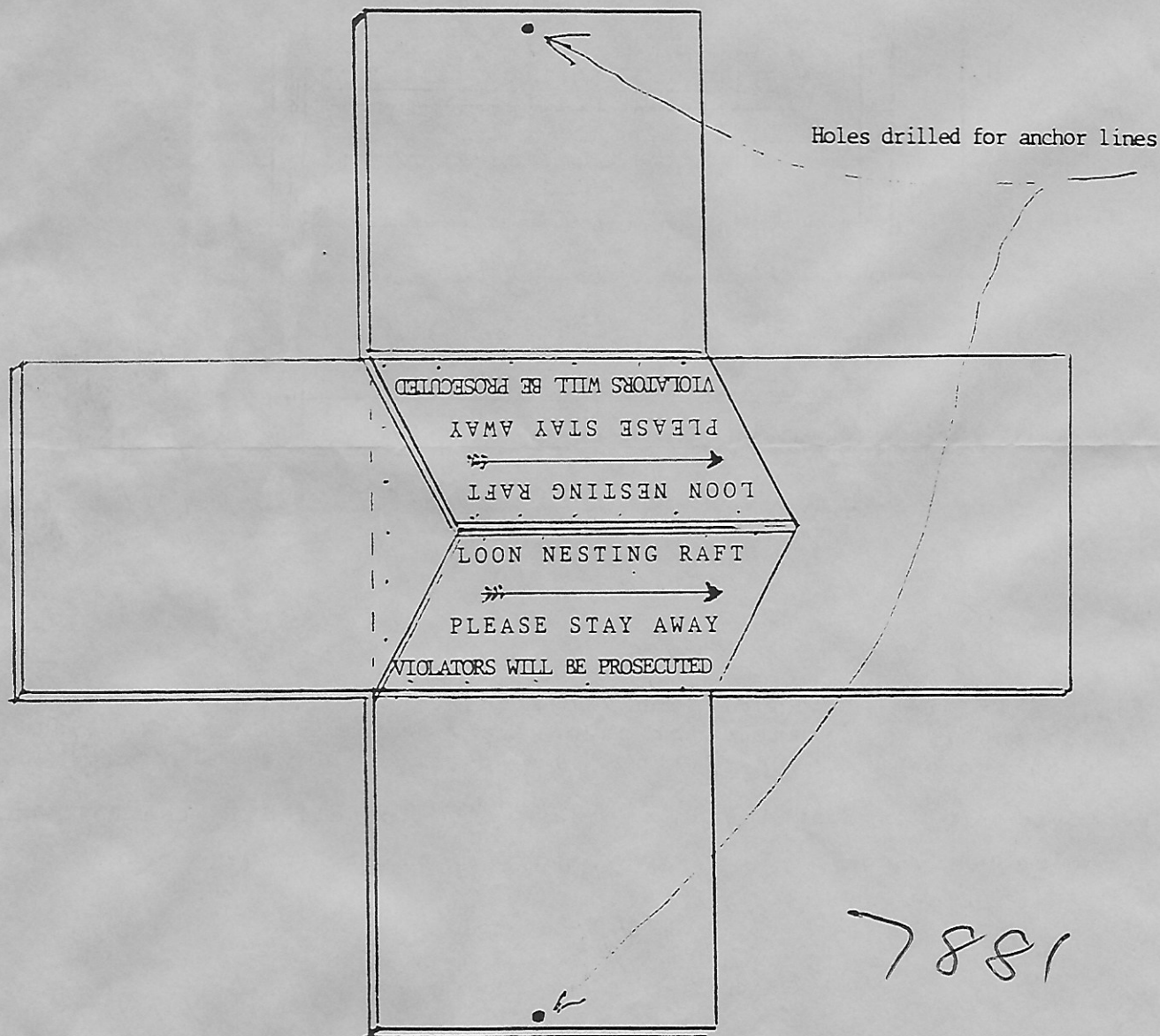
Concrete blocks or other anchor.

Handwritten signature and date:
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Signs are sometimes needed to keep the curious away from the nesting raft. If using one, make sure that it is placed far away enough that the folks reading it will not frighten the incubating loon from the nest.

Two anchors should be used in order that the sign will not swing with the wind and in order that the arrows will always point toward the loon raft.

This type of floating signboard is sometimes used to protect natural nesting sites as well.



Material:

2 - 12" boards 3'-0" long. 2 - 12" boards 2'-0" long. $\frac{1}{2}$ pound galvanized nails $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long.

Directions: Center and nail the 3'-0" boards crosswise. Nail the 2'-0" boards to the top board of the "cross" so that they stand in an inverted "V". Nail together at their top. These hold the signs.

Suggested wording for signs: LOON NRSTING RAFT. PLEASE STAY AWAY. Added wording might include: VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.



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"TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT"

The Sebec Lake Association is an incorporated organization of property owners and friends of Sebec Lake, founded in 1971.

During the past twenty-five years, the Association has acted to protect and preserve Sebec Lake. These efforts are highlighted by the following projects:

✓ **Buoying** -- The Association buoyed the Lake and was successful in getting the State to take over the buoying program, maintaining and replacing buoys as necessary.

✓ **Protection of Watershed** -- The Association was successful in removing the watershed from Spruce Budworm spraying in the early 1980's.

✓ **Water Level** -- When the outlet to Sebec Lake was developed for hydro-electric power, the Sebec Lake Association reached an agreement with the developer and various government and regulatory agencies, insuring a stable water level during summer months.

✓ **Water Quality** -- The Association has purchased equipment for sampling and analysis. A sustained monitoring program of clarity, dissolved oxygen, PH and fecal coliform is well established. Results are shared with the Department of Environmental Protection.

✓ **Road Mapping and Naming** -- In cooperation the town and law enforcement officials in 1991 the Association named the roads surrounding the Lake, placing road markers to identify each road and producing a map, which will help in answering 911 calls.

✓ **Education - Environment** -- Through newsletters, which reach all members, the Association keeps property owners informed as to their responsibilities in protection and preservation.

Sebec Lake is a premier recreational lake covering 11 square miles with a watershed of 327 square miles. The natural beauty of the lake merits the continued vigilance of an organization dedicated to caring for this prime recreational asset.

The Association welcomes your membership! The 1998 Annual Meeting will be held on August 14th at 7:00 pm in the YMCA building, Park Street, Dover-Foxcroft.

FRIDAY August 14th 1998



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

ENCLOSED IS MY \$15.00 SEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

NAME.. _____

STREET/P.O. BOX _____

CITY/TOWN _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE # _____

IS THIS A NEW ADDRESS ?.. YES _____ NO _____

CAMP ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS/ SUGGESTIONS

WE'RE USUALLY AT CAMP _____ CAMP PHONE # _____

PLEASE MAIL TO TREASURER, MALCOLM (MAC) BLANCHARD
P.O. BOX 275
LYNCH RD.
NEWCASTLE, ME.
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THANKS, FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE!

Action Alert

L.D. 1730

****Citizens Interested in Issues Affecting Maine's Lakes****

The Great Pond Task Force's legislative package, L.D. 1730, Sponsored by Senator Sharon Treat, will be considered by the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature which begins in January 1998. Many of the bill's components address watercraft and surface use issues. The Task Force concluded that new funding is needed to restore the Lakes Program at the Department of Environmental Protection to promote education and citizen sponsored programs.

Major components of L.D. 1730

- Creates the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund in the Executive Department for the purpose of protecting, preserving and enhancing the quality and value of the State's lakes and great ponds (Section 3).*
- Amends the definition of personal watercraft to 14 ft. or less in hull length, primary source of propulsion an inboard motor powering a jet pump and capable of carrying one or more persons sitting, standing or kneeling (Section 4).*
- Expands the criteria used by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in establishing surface-use rules to include watercraft type, wildlife, environmental values, noise, and traditional use (Section 5).
- Increases the registration fee for motorized watercraft \$15 for the first watercraft, and \$4 for each additional watercraft (Section 6).*
- Creates a new one-time \$10 registration fee for motorless watercraft (canoe, kayak, sailboard, sailboat, or rowboat) to support lake water quality, enforcement and education efforts (Section 7).
- Creates a new recreational motorboat rental and leasing license requirement (Section 8).
- Prohibits the use of internal combustion engines on seven small ponds wholly within Acadia National Park (Section 11).
- Requires an educational safety sticker on personal watercraft (Section 12).
- Prohibits "wake jumping" by personal watercraft (Section 12).
- Establishes sound standards for motorized watercraft (Section 12).
- Prohibits tampering with muffler systems on watercraft (Section 12).
- Prohibits personal watercraft on Great Ponds wholly within the unorganized territories (Section 13).
- Prohibits personal watercraft on Great Ponds less than 200 acres after June 1, 1999 unless a specific rule is adopted allowing such use (Section 13).
- Requires motor boat safety education for persons 12 to 16 years of age (Section 13).
- Establishes a non-suspendable fine for certain watercraft safety law violations (Section 14).
- Limits the liability of lake associations placing navigational aid markers (Section 15).
- Increases from 200 to 1,000 feet the allowable radius of the protected zone around intakes of public drinking water supplies (Section 16).

- Increases the real estate transfer tax \$.22 per \$500 of value for properties located within the watershed of a Great Pond to support the Lakes Program at DEP, enforcement and education efforts (Section 17).
- Assesses an annual \$10 water quality impact fee on each residential dwelling unit located wholly or partially within the shoreland zone to support the Lakes Program at DEP, enforcement and education efforts (Section 18).

* Section 3 - Lakes Heritage Trust Fund was adopted last session under L.D. 1217.

* Section 4 - PWC definition was adopted last session under L.D. 416

* Section 6 - Due to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife deficit, a similar registration fee increase was adopted last session as part of their budget bill as a way of addressing their budget gap.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

If you have an interest in the outcome of any of these issues affecting Maine's Great Ponds, your representatives and senators need to hear directly from you. Consider the following suggestions as effective ways to communicate with your elected officials:

- ☐ Schedule a one on one meeting with your representative and senator and be specific about what you support or what you don't support. Offer alternatives where your views may differ from what is being proposed. Present your facts in a non confrontational manner. Face to face meetings are more effective than letters or phone calls.
- ☐ Consider arranging a small group meeting with your representative or senator where there may be several people from a community who are interested in sharing their views regarding L.D. 1730 and Great Pond issues.
- ☐ Write a letter, fax, e-mail or call your representative or senator. Be specific as possible about your position(s) and indicate why you have chosen your particular perspective. Be sure that you offer concise explanations regarding where you stand on a particular issue or an alternative you wish to offer on a particular proposal.
- ☐ Prepare for your meeting or correspondence. Get a copy of the bill. Write down questions you have regarding proposals of interest to you. Contact the State Planning Office (see below) for more details or an explanation of how the Great Ponds Task Force developed their proposals found in L.D. 1730.

If you would like a copy of L.D. 1730, please call the Legislature's document room at 287-1408, or fax 287-1456. If you need to know the address and phone number of your legislators, please call the Clerk's Office at 287-1400. If you need further information regarding any of the proposals found in this bill, you may contact Mark DesMeules (287-1487) or Hank Tyler (287-1489) at the Maine State Planning Office.

This is your opportunity to become directly involved in the political process that will affect the management of Maine's lakes and ponds for the next decade.