



Surface Use Restriction
Portion of Androscoggin Lake in Wayne, 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 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 work to eradicate the invasive aquatic plant variable-leaf water milfoil (VWM) and to prevent spread of this plant in Androscoggin Lake and to other lakes during plant removal work in 2026. Aquatic invasive plant removal in 2026 may include an herbicide application in addition to manual removal of regrowth.

By this Order, the restriction on watercraft during 2026 is as follows:

From April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 (unless canceled in writing by the Commissioners), 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, remove, or treat invasive plants, deploy and retrieve fragment nets and buoys, and maintain fragment nets, and 3) transit through the area for impacted shorefront property owners to access the lake. This accommodation is proposed because VWM, while present in the north end of Inner Cove, is at low density.

DEP will communicate the restriction to impacted property owners and request that residents in the cove do the following:

- A. Travel the shortest distance possible through the cove only to access Androscoggin Lake
- B. Stay clear of all buoys marking plant locations
- C. Keep motor trimmed up when transiting the restricted area
- D. Inspect motor and remove all vegetation prior to exiting the restricted area.

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

2/24/2026
Date

Judith Camuso, Commissioner
Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

2/25/2026
Date



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