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Chandler E. Woodcock

August 7, 2013

William Tate 318 Notch Road Hiram, ME 04041

Dear Mr. Tate:

I am writing to advise you of my decision regarding your request that I issue a rule limiting the horsepower of motors used to propel watercraft on Big Clemons Pond in the Town of Hiram to 6 horsepower or less. After considering all testimony, public comments and material available to me I have decided not to impose a horsepower limitation at this time.

Since the inappropriate and imprudent operation of watercraft is already prohibited by state law, I feel that additional emphasis should be placed on ensuring that anyone operating a watercraft on Big Clemons Pond is aware of and complies with existing laws.

Although I do not feel that it is appropriate to impose additional regulations at this time, I remain open to considering such measures if efforts to achieve compliance with existing laws are unsuccessful.

Sincerely

Chandler E. Woodcock

Commissioner

CC:

Neal Wykes, Warden Service

IF&W Advisory Council

Harold Gillman, 292 Notch Rd, Hiram, ME