



Dear Lake Associations,

I am writing today to thank you and all of your members for your past membership with Maine Lakes, and to ask you to renew your support in 2026.

For 55 years, Maine Lakes has supported the lake association community, helping foster collaboration and unite voices for lake protection action and policies. With your support, we can continue our work together to shape a healthy future for Maine's lakes.

And there is much work to be done.

With proposed cuts to Environmental Protection Agency that would devastate lake protection programming in Maine, we will work tirelessly to elevate the critical need for strong lake protections and amplify lake association voices to stop funding cuts.

With climate's ever-growing impacts, we will work to increase the reach and extent of our LakeSmart programming, welcoming new associations into the LakeSmart program and expanding erosion control practices.

With lake associations like yours facing many challenges - from shrinking memberships to insurance challenges to fundraising needs - we will work to find more and better ways to overcome barriers, share innovation, and celebrate successes.

Please join us!

With your membership support, we will all be successful in lake protection work for decades to come.

Thank you for all that you and your members do for your lake.

Susan Gallo
Executive Director



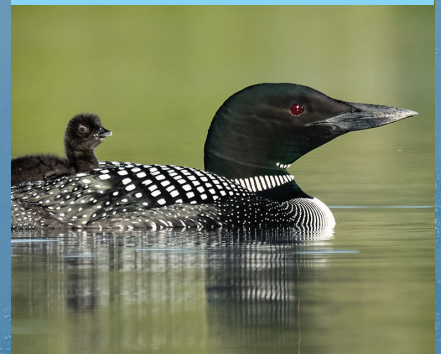
LakeSmart volunteer teams reduce erosion and protect lake health



Networking and the latest lake science at the annual Lake Conference



Advocacy protects invasive species funding critical to associations' work



Volunteers help loon families survive the challenging summer on Maine's lakes.

Working Together to Implement Sound Lake Policies and Programming



LAKE CONFERENCE 2025



Lakes at the Edge



FRESHWATER
EDUCATION
NETWORK



Maine Lakes works to build coalitions and collaborative projects with many partners across the state, including agencies, universities, and almost 100 lake associations. The work we do together is critical to the long-term protection of all of Maine's lakes.

STRONGER WATER QUALITY PROTECTION from our flagship program LakeSmart and its many volunteers and homeowners who reduce shoreland erosion, as well as from our shared advocacy in Augusta that strengthens lake protection policies and funding.

EFFECTIVE WATERSHED OUTREACH and EDUCATION from publications, presentations and the annual joint Lake Conference as well as the creation of a new Freshwater Education Network.

SAFER SHORES from mandatory boater education, reductions of wake impacts close to shore, and a moratorium on floating structures that challenge navigation, safety, and lake health.

HEALTHIER WILDLIFE from Look Out for Loons volunteer programming and from lead tackle restrictions that help loons nest successfully on our lakeshores.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RISK REDUCTION from secured long-term funding and a defeated bill to reduce invasive species funding this past legislative session.

STRONGER ADVOCACY in Augusta as part of the new Lake Protection Coalition, a growing collaboration of lake organizations and associations that will be working together to increase lake protection funding and strengthen policies that are designed to protect long-term lake health.

Thank you for supporting Maine Lakes in 2025!

Mail-in Donation Form

Suggested minimum membership donation is \$3/member, up to \$1,000. Though larger donations are always welcome, we understand that associations can face financial challenges and encourage associations to give what they can afford to maintain their Maine Lakes membership. Use the QR code or visit www.lakes.me/donate to make a secure online donation, or send this form in along with a check to:

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