



**30 Mile River Watershed Association
Statement on Proposed Androscoggin Lake Herbicide Treatment
June 2026**

30 Mile supports the proposed aquatic herbicide treatment by the Maine DEP to address the aquatic invasive plant variable-leaf watermilfoil (VWM) in Androscoggin Lake.

Since 2021, our consistent survey and manual removal work have successfully contained VWM to a single known area of the lake (Inner Cove). While these efforts have been effective, there remains a significant risk that the plant could spread to other parts of the lake, increasing its ecological, economic, and recreational impact, as well as long-term costs of management. The use of ProcettaCOR EC has proven effective in controlling VWM in other Maine lakes, including in the nearby Belgrade and Cobbossee watersheds, while being low risk. Given the size and limited extent of the infestation, using this targeted treatment now greatly increases the likelihood of eradication.

We encourage community members to attend the public meeting on **June 8th at 6:00 PM at the Androscoggin Yacht Club** to learn more about the proposed treatment and ask questions.