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Maine Board of Pesticides

I oppose the spraying of Rodeo and other toxic biocides at the Biddeford Pool Land Trust on Ocean Avenue for a number of reasons. Being a Mainer, a frequent visitor to the beautiful Biddeford Pool area for recreation and to watch wildlife, and an alumni of the nearby University of New England, I am aware of the sensitive ecological habitat that Biddeford Pool provides, especially to migratory birds. There is sufficient evidence to point to the harm that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Rodeo, causes to human and ecological health, even though the federal government is hesitant to ban its use.

There are many lower-cost, lower-risk, and healthier alternatives to the use of pesticides for invasive species management that support life rather than maim it. Invasive plants like honeysuckle and bittersweet vine are reactions to the mismanagement of our land, and so pesticides will never solve the problem. And killing plants just to kill them without a plan to replant and tend native species is imbecilic. It will only require future applications of pesticides. More cost-effective long-term solutions that support the health of the community should be considered first every time we encounter invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration of protecting our community from harm.

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