

My name is Daniel O'Mara and I bought a seasonal home on the upper Moodus Reservoir in 1968. Over the 50 year span, my family enjoyed the breathtaking view, the active, healthy wildlife, the wonderful fishing and bathing that the lake had to offer. In a sense, my kids "grew up" on this lake, and loved it so much that some of them made their permanent residences there.

But during that 50 year span, sadly, we watched the gradual deterioration of the water quality, the health of the fish, and the increase in the invasive weeds that are now choking our shores and once open waters.

A few years ago, a concerned group of owners formed the Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group in order to address the invasive weed problem. But we're finding it difficult to raise enough funds to make serious headway.

The State and Local governments have helped but, in these days of financial crises, they can't help very much.

The passage of #5129 will have a dual effect of increasing our membership (and the related annual dues), as well as generate some extra money for the DEEP to help rectify the problem.

Please help us save our Connecticut lakes, and pass Bill Number 5129.