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Dear Sirs,

Re: Lakewatch Program

My wife and I are residents of The Hamlet of South Cooking Lake. We live a block and a half from Cooking Lake. Over the last several years we have noticed that the water level of Cooking Lake has receded dramatically to the extent that I am no longer able to put my little sailboat in the lake.

I became involved with ALMS last year when I was asked to take two ALMS personnel around the lake, testing the depth of the lake and the quality of both the water and the lake bed. I believe that the Lakewatch program and ALMS participation will help deliver the message to governments that our lakes and watershed environments are important as natural resources but also as recreational resources.

Much is said about conservation of watersheds and protection of wildlife habitats. This is but one aspect of living around a lake. Cooking Lake used to be a very vibrant lake, full of fish, a beach for swimming, a boat ramp and generally a place where people could enjoy a water environment.

We sincerely hope that with the help of organizations such as ALMS all levels of government will wake up to the importance of our lakes and what they mean to the community and the environment.

Yours truly,

Robert Zifkin