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Testimony of Representative Michael G. Devin

In Support of L.D. 669

“An Act to Create a Spat Collection License”

Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

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Senator Baker, Representative Kumiega and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, I am Representative Mick Devin, serving House District 90, which includes Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Newcastle, parts of Nobleboro and South Bristol, Monhegan Island and Louds Island. As the sponsor of L.D. 669, I am here today to speak in support of its passage.

This bill creates a new license type that authorizes the collection of spat, which are newly settled juvenile marine invertebrates. Spat typically refers to species of clams, scallops, oysters and other marine invertebrates.

At this time I would refer any questions about this bill to the Department of Marine Resources who will testify after me. They will be able to explain the purpose of this new license type. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.