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The Honorable Linda L. Baker, Senate Chair
The Honorable Walter A. Kumiega III, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources
Cross State Office Building, Room 206
Augusta, ME 04333

Senator Baker, Representative Kumiega, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:

I have been researching bi-valve shellfish issues for over fifteen years as a tenured professor and scientist. I am also the owner of a Maine aquaculture company that has grown shellfish including, mussels, oysters and scallops for over ten years.

Regarding the proposed legislation addressing the definition of "spat", I feel the proposed statutory language is far too broad. For instance, which of the estimated 1,000,000 marine organisms that live in the ocean does the bill refer to?

With so little research to date and with such nebulous and vague language, I'm not sure there will not be unintended negative consequences to the still fledgling aquaculture industry in the State of Maine.

Thank you,

Dr. Mark Green, Ph.D