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Senator Baker and members of the joint committee on marine resources

Good morning committee members, My name is John Arcaro, I am a full time Registered Master Maine Guide and own a Sporting Camp with my wife, Mary in Grand Lake Stream, a very special place in this world. My wife and I are in favor of LD 800.

The Guiding industry and The Commercial Sporting Camps in the Upper St. Croix River Watershed of Washington County are critically dependent upon our healthy freshwater fisheries, as is the local labor and supply chain that supports this unique type of tourism.

We do not believe that there is any Biological benefit between anadromous alewives and our present local fisheries, nor do the area biologists. We do know that their presence poses an urgent and serious economic risk. It makes no sense to us to inflict this threat, jeopardizing many jobs and livelihoods, without fully understanding the impact of alewives in this region. By allowing the continued passage or stocking of a nonnative species you are creating a biological invasion that you have no control of. The Fisheries that will be affected are Smallmouth Bass, Landlocked Salmon, Lake Trout, Brook Trout, White Perch, Whitefish and Rainbow Smelt.

Please vote in favor of LD 800, I wish to give my remaining time to Steve Whitman

Thank you for your time

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