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To Whom it may concern;

I am favor of the passing of the article LD800.

Why?

My peers have collected data that the drop off on the St. Croix was such that at Salmon Falls the alewives were unable to get upstream. The falls were modified and now the alewives can make it upstream. It was evident when this happened to Spednic Lake and Big Lake the fishing was terrible . Please refer to the article entitled Illegal Fish Introduction on page 47 of the Maine State Fishing Law Book.

Millions of alewives introduced into our lakes and streams could ruin our smelt population.

Guiding started here in Grand Lake Stream in the mid 1800's and continued to be the main support of the town. The tannery then came in but did not last ,thus the people went back to guiding and opened up the lodges for those fishermen from out of state.

Many men and women in this area make their living by guiding tourists and avid fishermen from all over the United States and beyond. The Fishing Lodges will also lose business as a result of poor fishing. Already the economy has hit both of these areas. Governor Lapage is trying to introduce tourism and promote jobs for people to stay in the state and this is will just force people to move.

This would also affect the fish hatchery in our town ,which would be detrimental to stocking the lakes.

Please vote to pass this bill and save the fish in our lakes and jobs. Thank you!

John Brown 4-25-15