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Testimony of Representative Michael G. Devin

In Support of L.D. 1438

### **“An Act To Improve the Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing Laws”**

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

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Senator Maker, 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. LD 1438 is a Department bill and I am honored to present it.

This bill amends the aquaculture leasing and licensing laws. Although I am sure the Commissioner or his representative will go through the bill in detail, I do want to mention some highlights. This bill removes the prohibition on the provision by the Department of Marine Resources of promotional and marketing assistance to the aquaculture industry. I believe this prohibition severely handicapped our aquaculture industry and I glad to see the prohibition removed. Also, significant changes to the limited-purpose license are proposed, which should improve that type of license.

I am happy to take questions, but think the Department will be in a better position to answer.