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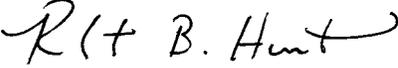
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H.P. 1053

House of Representatives, April 10, 2025

**An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance
Complaints Regarding Aquaculture**

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, HASENFUS of Readfield,
LOOKNER of Portland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, SIMMONS of
Waldoboro, TERRY of Gorham.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2807, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 99, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 A. "Commercial fishing activity" means an activity directly related to a commercial
5 fishing fisheries business as defined in Title 12, section 6001, subsection 6-A or a
6 commercial activity commonly associated with or supportive of commercial fishing or
7 aquaculture, such as the manufacture or sale of ice, bait, traps, cages or nets or the
8 manufacture, installation or repair of boats, engines or other equipment commonly used
9 on boats or in facilities that involve the catching, transporting, buying, selling or
10 processing of seafood for commercial purposes.

11 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2807, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 99, §1, is repealed.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the law that prohibits private nuisance actions against a person
14 engaged in a commercial fishing activity or commercial fishing operation to include
15 activities associated with aquaculture and commercial fisheries businesses, which include
16 enterprises concerned with the commercial harvest of wild or aquacultured marine
17 organisms.