

LD2065 needs work.

Changing the number of people required to request a hearing from 5 to 25 exposes the extreme bias of the State toward the agenda of aquaculture. *“Lets make it as easy as we can for aquaculture.”* The original number wasn't just increased or even doubled, it was multiplied by a factor of 5. I'd love to know who spun the wheel that landed on this number. This idea reeks.

As this state pursues its path to give away **publicly owned** fishing/recreational grounds, would it be an idea to consider the views of the town municipality and/or the Shellfish Committee(if applicable) in the aquaculture decision? This process led to Waldoboro embracing its aquaculture site. Maybe the State should take a moment and listen to the people that actually use the river? When a State refuses to listen to its people things like protest, moratoriums, and law suits are born. Its been a hell of a past few years hasn't it.

Aquaculture sites(with the States help) forcing their way into an environment they are not welcome in will only help fuel a vicious war that already exist.

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