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My name is Dave Wilson, and I am a Marine Harvester from Harpswell as well as a small owner operated aquaculturist.

I am testifying against LD 2065.

I recently attended a DMR shellfish conversation in Brunswick which included aquaculture.

In that meeting DMR said it was going to increase public participation in the exploding aquaculture leasing program.

The Department is speaking out of both sides of its mouth with LD 2065.

Now, DMR is proposing the number of people that is required to hold a hearing goes from 5 to 25 for an aquaculture hearing.

The Department is also advocating to reduce the number of newspaper notifications regarding hearings from 2 to 1.

How much harder are people trying to make it to have a voice in a process that essentially grants private ownership in Maine waters