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Dear Fish and Wildlife Committee

I am writing you about my concern for LD 77, regarding an increase in the fishing license fee. I understand that it is to go directly to the fisheries division.

I am one of the founding members of the Moosehead Lake Fisheries Committee.

I have served on the committee for over 20 years. I know our three fisheries biologists well and support their dedicated work. They are the reason the Moosehead Lake Fishery is doing so well. It has always been an economic engine for the entire region. I have been a lifetime guide and owner of the Maine Guide Fly Shop for 38 years. My family's livelihood has depended on our fishery. My stepson has been a full-time fishing guide for 4 years.

It has always been my opinion that the Maine Fisheries division has been severely underfunded. Our fisheries biologists have always had to look to other sources of money to purchase modern equipment so they can do their research more efficiently. By seeking outside funding Tim Obrey and his fellow biologists have taken fisheries research to another level.

It is my belief that the proposed fishing license increase is needed. An extra six dollars for an entire year of fishing is a small price to ask of fishermen to help our fisheries division.

I'm asking each of you to do the right thing and support this bill.

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