Rona Fried Casco LD 430

I oppose LD 430, which would impose a moratorium on dam removals until 2027.

I'm so proud of Maine for all the dams that have been removed in recent years - we need more dams removed, not a moratorium.

There are so many completely unnecessary AND harmful dams. We have lost countless fish that can't cross dams. How can anyone not want to bring back Atlantic Salmon???!!!

When dams are removed aquifers are recharged and wetlands are restored. Side channels and marshes return, which dramatically improves water quality for human drinking water, fish and wildlife habitat, and native plant communities. These reestablished wetlands and floodplains behave like giant sponges – protecting both human and wildlife communities from massive floods that now plague many regions due to climate change.

When outdated dams are removed, vibrant river ecosystems return. That's what we should all want more of.