

Letter to the Committee on Marine Resources - in Support of <u>LD 1279</u>, An Act to Support the Growth of Maine's Farmed Atlantic Sea Scallop Industry Through Funding Biotoxin Testing and Other Services.

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Hepler and Members of the Marine Resources Committee:

My name is Ryan McPherson, I am a resident of Edgecomb, and I am here to speak in favor of LD 1279 to support the growth of Maine's Farmed Atlantic Sea Scallop Industry.

As the Owner of Glidden Point Oyster company we are one of the lucky wholesalers of Farm Maine Scallops. This industry has room to grow and the constraint on the testing of the product needs to be lifted in order for the industry to grow. I can confirm that there is a market for this product and we need to support the farms to be able to do their work. I support LD 1279.

Thanks, Ryan McPherson