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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Warren Graybill Jr and I am a fisherman from Harpswell. I held a commercial menhaden license in 2020. I did not fish in 2021 so did not purchase a license due to it being an open fishery and not fishing. I was going to go back fishing in 2022, but, the fishery capped licenses based on 2 out of 3 years being 2019, 2020 and 2021. I decided not to rig my boat back up, buy a license and go fishing, knowing that I would not have been able to purchase a 2023 license or any years after. Then in 2023 a bill was introduced that allowed 2022 to then be used as a 2 years out of 4 eligibility. I had well over the required landings in one year, but not the 2 out of 3 licenses. If this bill was altered to allow the guys like me that only missed 2022 from qualifying for a license, it wouldn't have that big of an impact on the license number. Please consider amending this license to be 1 out of those 4 years, so that those of us that missed 2022 can go back fishing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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