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I am David Porter, resident of Brooklin and a shoreline land owner. As a small step towards increased protection of the rocky intertidal habitat dominated by rockweed (*Ascophyllum nodosum*), I support passage of LD 1991, An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders. Such education should inform applicants for rockweed harvesting permits about the law recognizing the ownership of intertidal rockweed (Maine Judicial Supreme Court decision *Ross v. Acadian SeaPlants*, 2019). And also, the damaging effects of by-catch from poor harvesting techniques (eg. dull harvest rakes which tend to pull up rockweed holdfasts). Education concerning habitat conservation is essential for the long-term sustainability of the intertidal rockweed forest.