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## Testimony of Representative Jessica Fay presenting LD 2059, An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Sen. Brenner, Rep. Gramlich and distinguished Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I am Jessica Fay, representing House District 86, Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, and a part of Poland.

I am here today to present LD 2059, An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws.

I am pleased to present this Department bill on behalf of DEP. Over the last 8 years, I have witnessed, on a number of occasions, interactions between DEP and code enforcement in the towns I represent. One of the frustrations and areas of confusion for applicants and code enforcement has been the differences that can arise between a municipal Shoreland Zoning permit and a NRPA permit.

LD 2059 will help alleviate some of that frustration and confusion.

I request that you refer any questions to the department, as they are the subject matter experts here.

Thank you for your time and attention.