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Good afternoon, Senator Reny, Representative Hepler, and my fellow distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. My name is Marianne Moore. I proudly represent Senate District 6, which includes all of Washington County along with 16 Communities in Eastern Hancock County as well.

I am here to introduce LD 2025, "*An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders*".

I was asked by the Department to submit this bill. As you can see by the summary, this bill does the following:

This bill provides that the holder of a commercial menhaden fishing license may fish for, take, possess, ship, transport or sell menhaden that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license.

The bill also provides 2 exceptions to this provision. It allows a commercial menhaden license holder who is unable to fish for or take menhaden due to an illness or disability to request authorization from the Commissioner of Marine Resources and for the commissioner to grant the authorization for another commercial menhaden license holder to fish for or take menhaden on the ill or disabled license holder's behalf, and it allows a commercial menhaden license holder to request authorization to use a vessel other than the vessel identified on that license holder's license when that license holder's vessel is temporarily inoperable.

The bill also provides that the holder of a noncommercial menhaden fishing license may fish for, take, or possess menhaden that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license.

Thank you for allowing me to present this bill. While I will attempt to answer any questions you might have, the Department will be testifying after me and would be better suited to respond to your questions! 😊

I ask for your support in passing this important bill!