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Public Testimony of LD 64 - An Act to Eliminate the Cultchless American Oyster Growers License

Presented by Representative Strout of Harrington – District 11

Good morning, Senator Tepler, Representative Hepler and distinguished members of the Marine Resource committee. I am Representative Tiffany Strout from Harrington, representing the towns of Milbridge, Harrington, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Centerville, Addison, Jonesport, Beals, Jonesboro, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville and Machias and I am here today to present and support LD 64 An Act to Eliminate the Cultchless American Oyster Growers License on behalf of the Department of Marine Resources.

It is my understanding that this bill is to update an outdated clause in the current law due to the growth of the oyster industry and the natural movement of the species in the ocean environment.

Thank you for your time today and I would be glad to answer any questions but for efficiency I would direct any specific questions to current law and updates to the representative from the Department of Marine Resources who will be testifying on this bill today.

Sincerely.

Tiffany Strout State Representative