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Testimony of Rep. James Dill

L.D. 1623 “An Act to Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws Related to Landowner Representation Regarding Abandoned Property”

Before the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and distinguished members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, my name is Jim Dill, and I represent House District 26 and the communities of Bradley, Old Town and Penobscot Nation Voting District. I am here before you today to present **L.D. 1623 “An Act to Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws Related to Landowner Representation Regarding Abandoned Property”**

This bill, which I submitted by request, is a rather all-encompassing bill about labeling and getting permission before putting out cameras, blinds, tree stand etc. It also adds the landowner’s representative to existing law as another party who may take action. It goes on to state if the equipment is there without permission and the owner is unknown, the landowner or their representative may take ownership or remove the equipment after consultation with the Maine Warden Service. It also authorizes a landowner’s representative to question ATV operators about their use of the land and may limit in writing the use of designated State-approved ATV trails on the landowner’s property (as well as the lessee or landowner).

There will be other people behind me who will be able to answer questions and give the rationale for the bill. I will try to answer questions, if there are any.
Thanks