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Testimony of Representative Morgan Rielly introducing

LD 1595, An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Good afternoon, Senator Tepler, Representative Hepler and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. I am Morgan Rielly, and I represent House District 127, which includes part of Westbrook. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce **LD 1595, An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture**.

This bill is straightforward. It provides the same protections that commercial fishermen have under statute regarding nuisance complaints and extends it to aquaculture. It only makes sense that aquaculture should have the same protections in statute as commercial fishermen. Moreover, the bill also addresses a loophole for commercial fishermen who also work in aquaculture by ensuring that they have the same protections when fishing and sea farming.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions or provide any further information for the work session.