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Testimony of Rep. Allison Hepler presenting
**LD 2024, An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws
Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab
Fishing and Elver Dealers**
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Good afternoon, Senator Tepler and colleagues of the Marine Resources Committee. I am Allison Hepler and I represent the towns of Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich. I am pleased to introduce **LD 2024, An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers**.

This is the Department of Marine Resources' "technical changes bill." Some of the proposed legislation clarifies laws that we enacted last year, such as eligibility requirements for the "for-hire charter boat license," as well as penalties related to elver dealers who have been convicted of an elver-related violation. The bill also eliminates the civil penalty for exceeding the lobster trap limit, while retaining the criminal penalty.

As always, department bill-related questions are best left to the department but I am happy to try my best. Thank you!