

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
IN OPPOSITION TO L.D. 350**

**Resolve, To Reconvene the 2019 Task Force on All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Initiatives.**

**Reported by:** Representative DILL of Penobscot

**March 9, 2026**

Good afternoon, Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Timoth Peabody, Deputy Commissioner speaking on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in opposition to L.D. 350 Resolve, To Reconvene the 2019 Task Force on All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Initiatives.

The Department appreciates the intent of this bill, as there is a multifaceted frustration in the ATV and private landowner community that warrants further very focused discussion. That said the Department and others feel that the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board is the best place to have the discussion.

This committee voted unanimously to support L.D. 2221 that proposes broadening the representation on the Landowners and Land users Relations Advisory Board. Increasing the member representation will ensure relevant expertise on the board, and Department feels that this is the best forum to work through issues related to oversized ATVs.

The Department feels a resolve directing this group to focus on the use of ATVs on private and public land in Maine would be an appropriate outcome of this bill. This group holds public meetings and could invite others into the meeting to provide the Board additional information as they deliberate on this issue.

Department staff will be available during the work session for questions from the Committee.