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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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SUBJECT: LD 390: "AN ACT REGARDING THE MAPPING OF  
SHORELAND ZONES"

I'm dropping you a note to request this proposed LD does not get beyond your committee.

There are several reasons for this, but the major problem is the requirement for mandatory mapping as outlined in 5.C; 5-A.

Most maps include a statement such as: "non-regulatory and is intended for planning purposes only"; "this map NOT TO BE USED as a substitute for on the ground surveys", etc.

This LD does not provide for that kind of flexibility that towns and other municipalities need. We are already overburdened with trying to keep up with the intended purpose of Shoreland Zoning without additional regulations.

Our Town is in the midst of a SLZ review (Have excellent consultants, by the way), and the "ONE AND FINAL MAP" that was presented to the Planning Board had over 400 properties slated for "RESOURCE PROTECTION". Once one of the consultants reviewed this, the number of properties dropped back to under 100; and we are unable to find out why there was such a disparity. A 75% ERROR RATE FOR MAPPING because they used some of the same data you suggest in this LD.

There has to be more transparency in the mapping process; there should be some recourse for getting things so wrong; we should be able to have a minimum, satellite images or other aerial imagery to view; and a reason why items are on the maps.

Basically, we know what is on the ground, so please ease up a bit and let us do our job, otherwise, MAINE DEP will be doing a lot more Shoreland Zoning projects, as we will be giving that job over to them. (Frustrated at the inaccuracies of mapping.)

Sincerely, Cliff Thomas, P. O. Box 305, Buxton, Me. 04093

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PS: DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR OTHER COMMENTS.

