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I deeply believe that it is our duty to restore and protect Maine rivers and I think we need to pay particular attention to the Kennebec River. Right now we are standing by and watching the extinction of the Atlantic Salmon population among others due to dams on the Kennebec. One of the reasons that Maine is such a fantastic state to live in is due to the care we take to protect our environment and I think it is essential for us to understand how our human impact is destroying wildlife. Maine could set an example to the rest of the country of how we protect and restore our environment by restoring great rivers such as the Kennebec and restoring the Atlantic Salmon population. Brookfield Renewable has had years to fix the issues that their dams create but has done nothing of substance. If anything we should be legislating to remove these dams not by passing a law such as LD 1979 that could preclude the removal of dams. I strongly believe that passing this bill would be a huge mistake for Maine and I strongly encourage you to reject LD 1979.