Sandy Smith Resident

Good morning! I am writing to you this morning in favor of LD 101. As a wife, mother, sister and daughter of lobstermen, I am very concerned on the impact Offshore Wind will have not only on the lively hood's of our fishermen but also to our ecosystem in the gulf of Maine. We have no idea of the long term effect these wind turbines will have on our ecosystem. And what about the whales? Here we are having all these regulations the lobstermen are dealing with because of whales, for no reason I might add, cause lobstermen are not the cause of whales deaths ship strikes are. And they want to put up wind turbines which is a proven fact that is harmful to whales and can cause death... this makes no sense. This also will take prime fishing ground away from our lobstermen...if our lobstermen's lively hood's are effected it will be a trickle down effect to all other businesses up and down the coast of Maine if not to all of Maine. Most lobstermen fish outside the 3 mile where they catch most of their product, right where they want to put up these turbines. We need to save our lobstermen's lively hood and the future of our children and their children and so on, and we need to protect the Gulf of Maine from this harmful science project they want to force on us.

Thank you

Sandy Smith