

Re: LD 1286

Although the concept of LD 1286 is very important for Maine's economic future, there are fundamental problems with the charges to the proposed task force.

1. The existing legal infrastructure in Maine on water rights, especially concerning Absolute Dominion or Absolute Capture, must be thoroughly evaluated by the task force. Especially in order to protect small communities and small businesses. With "corporatization" of the state's water by very large and influential organizations the rights and wellbeing of individual citizens, their communities and businesses are placed at great risk.
2. Water usage, waste production, pesticide use, nitrogen and phosphorus load, spread of disease, and dissemination of potentially harmful genes into the wild populations must be specifically and carefully evaluated for any endeavor under the auspices of the task force.

Neglecting these fundamental issues will cause significant push back. Deliberately ignoring such obvious and basic problems will ultimately harm the development that LD 1286 intends promote.

Thank you for your consideration.

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