

January 2026



To: The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**RE: LD 2023 – Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Identify Ways to Manage Moorings on Inland Waters**

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, my name is Stacey Keefer, Director for the Maine Marine Trades Association (MMTA). MMTA represents over 120 Maine businesses and an industry comprised of boatyards, boat builders, marinas, boat dealers, and marine retailers.

On behalf of the members of MMTA, I would like to express our appreciation and support for the Department's proposed resolve to address issues regarding moorings in Maine waters. Though the stakeholders will be focused on inland waters, we hope the report back to the Committee will note mooring issues that overlap in coastal waters. The Maine coast does have islands within the Unorganized Territory and others that are more remote without much municipal oversight.

We also hope the stakeholder group will be balanced with the number of members who represent both businesses and environmental groups. Thank you for your consideration to support this resolve. I apologize that I could not deliver my testimony in person today -- I will be attending the Maine Outdoor Economy Summit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Keefer".

Stacey Keefer  
Maine Marine Trades Association, Executive Director