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Senator Miramant, Representative McCreight and members of the Marine Resources Committee.

My name is Cody Nunan, I am a 5th generation lobsterman and I support LD 1146.

I wanted to testify today but I had to be out on the water to make a living and 9:00am hearings are about 5 hours into my workday.

But I felt it was important that you know my concerns.

The rules and regulations around aquaculture in Maine are just wrong.

1,000 acres is way too much for anyone to be able to own.

The length of the leases are 20 years – that's too long with very little oversight.

We are watching what has already happened in Jonesport bays with Cooke aquaculture, a foreign owned corporation that holds hundreds of acres of the bottom.

The lobstermen and women in that area can say it best – I will summarize – it's not good.

We know what's potentially coming in Gouldsboro and Bar Harbor with in-water salmon pens.

While the application is believed to be for more than 100 acres with two different leases

– let me state the obvious - If granted, the foreign corporation could own up to 1,000

acres. Is that what we really want in Maine?

Large corporations with investors that don't even live here.

Or do we want small scale aquaculture operations that feed more families, are locally owned and controlled.

I know without a doubt that is the way aquaculture in Maine should operate.

Fishing in Maine is small stuff not big corporations- if this keeps going it will be big corporations and nothing else.

Please support LD 1146.

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