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Saltwind Seafarm strongly and unanimously opposes LD 1146. We hold the work of the Army Corps of Engineers, Maine Department of Marine Resources, and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in an extremely high regard. The current lease application process is thorough and covers all bases. As active commercial fishermen ourselves, we understand the fear of change to our industry. However, through the diligent work of these organizations, there will be little change to commercial fishing at all. The work that aquaculture producers have put into establishing reputable businesses demonstrates the traits that make the working waterfront special. We request that these changes be denied so we may continue to coexist, and ALL have the opportunity to make a living in Maine's coastal communities.