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The aquaculture sector is key to the future of Maine's working waterfront economy and LD1146 presents yet another challenge to those trying to build a life working in Maine's waters. I oppose LD 1146 because it will put all the hard work our organization has done to build our business at risk. The current leasing and management system is not broken. I oppose the revocation of aquacultures exemption to NURPA and Site development law because it will allow opponents to require visual impact and alternative site studies. One of the strengths of the Maine aquaculture sector is the mix of company size. That diversity has helped the sector weather the covid challenge. LD 1146 discourages companies from investing and growing. It is intended to weaken the sector and Maines working waterfronts. I support MAA and their efforts to find constructive solutions that address concerns while allowing Maine aquaculture businesses to grow.