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Maine has a long history of water front disputes, it also has a rich history of marine industry. The two can co-exist as we have seen in the past. It is my opinion that legislation is not the answer to this problem, especially something as lopsided as this bill. This seems more like something designed to stop commercial aquaculture in its tracks, just when the industry is poised to gain a little traction after the pandemic. I agree that some things could be done differently by everyone, as someone who has been working and recreating on casco bay I have had my share of frustrations whether it is junk washed up on the beach, lobster bouys so thick there is no way to navigate, or giant heaps of diesel powered oyster growing gear floating around in my backyard. But with a little information about the reasons for why its there I can understand the need to make a living. I think that the states resources would be better invested in existing programs for education and permitting, and a little bit more dissemination of information would go a long ways. Education beats legislation.