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As a Maine resident who is engaged in both commercial fishing and aquaculture in our state, I oppose LD 1211. Our working waterfront is too valuable to entrust to those who may not have our best interests in mind. I feel as though now is the time to unyieldingly preserve this resource, not displace those who have sacrificed so much to establish businesses on the water. Commercial fishing and aquaculture have deep roots in the coastal communities of Maine. The Maine Aquaculture Association works diligently to preserve this long standing heritage while maintaining a positive relationship with the surrounding communities. As someone who actively works on the water, I believe that this bill could be detrimental to myself and many others like me. For that reason, I would like to once again express my opposition and request that it is denied.