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My name is Will Sullivan and I am the shellfish manager for Inland Lobster in South Portland Maine. I am a Husband, father, and I live in Maine. My job is to distribute Maine shellfish products across the country in both wholesale and retail tiers. We are in need of an aquaculture renaissance in Maine, and we need it to be visible to everyone, no matter who owns waterfront properties.

The Aquaculture industry in Maine is just starting to gather steam and make a name for itself on a national stage. We need to think about the future of food systems in the USA, and rethink what our actions in the seafood industry are perceived as in a public light.

It speaks volumes to the need for transparency in the seafood industry that just yesterday, Daniel Humm of Eleven Madison Park restaurant in New York City announced that his new menu will have no seafood and no meat on it. Our food systems are broken and the golden age of Maine Lobster is on the verge of collapse. We as Mainers need to pivot and put our entire support behind aquaculture operations. That is the future of food. Showing that our state is on the forefront of sustainable aquaculture, looking out over the bluffs on the coast and seeing an aqua farm operation is something we should strive for, not shy away from.

We need to promote aquaculture and not make it hidden in pockets along the coast. Future generations will be proud of the legacy we have left for them to champion, and Maine will be known worldwide as a place that puts the environment, mankind, and seafood first.