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I strongly support LD 2064's making the chair of the Departments Aquaculture Advisory Committee an automatic Ex-Officio member of the Departments Marine Advisory Council. In the same section it is imperative to retain language that persons hostile to aquaculture seek to strike. The language to be KEPT is "AND ONE PERSON REPRESENTING THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY. THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT THE PERSON TO REPRESENT THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY FROM AMONG NAMES RECOMMENDED BY THE AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY."

LD 2064 increases the maximum number of Aquaculture Advisory Council members and broadens the membership of the Council to include two members of the public "with expertise to the work of the council". Again, this can be exploited by those hostile to aquaculture if these two members do not have the appropriate technical knowledge to be constructive members of the council. There needs to be criteria on how these two members are selected.

LD 2064 authorizes the Aquaculture Advisory Council to make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. This is an important and valuable change and should be supported.