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I am writing in support of LD 1722.

My company (Mere Point Oyster) went through a long drawn out process to get approval of our lease in Maquoit Bay. It was not a fun experience. Since that time, DMR has seen a large increase of lease applications, while also adding to their staffing. However, it seems that the process for lease renewals, conversions from experimental to standard leases, etc can stand to be streamlined and simplified.

This is especially true as LD 1722 does not change the commissioner's authority to revoke a lease at any time for cause.

The aquaculture industry is blossoming and needs support to continue this Please support LD 1722