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LD 1279

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking up this legislation. For 15 years or so, I've worked on scallop aquaculture in Maine. Currently I'm focused on seed production and nursery grow-out of wild caught spat. My role helps support other sea farmers that are truly real pioneers. Sea scallop aquaculture in Maine has so much potential and is such a great extension of our working waterfront tradition.

It does however have it's challenges and LD 1279 addresses one big one for us, biotoxins testing. Please pass LD 1279 to help DMR to test sea scallops, just as it does for the rest of the shellfish industry. This will help lessen a bottle in production that comes right before harvest and can be quite expensive for the farmer.

Thank you for your consideration,

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